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Governor of Maine

Ladies and Gentlemen of the
112th Legislature

It is my privilege and pleasure to transmit to you the Ninth Annual Report of the Judicial Department.

This report both summarizes and provides a wealth of detail about the work of the four courts within the Judicial Department - the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court, Maine's ultimate appellate tribunal; the Superior Court, our trial court of general jurisdiction and the only court affording citizens a trial by a jury of their peers; the District Court, our court of first resort and the busiest court in the state; and the Administrative Court, our most specialized court.

Maine's court system continues to be busy. Our courts disposed of over 230,000 cases in 1984. Well over 300,000 people, a quarter of the state's population, were involved directly in these cases. Many others served as jurors or witnesses. While by its nature this report counts cases as if they had equal weight, each one of these cases - whether a traffic infraction or a small claims case - was of great importance to the persons directly involved.
What this report also cannot easily measure is the increasing complexity of many cases, reflecting the increasingly complex nature of our society.

This publication is the result of a collaborative endeavor. It began with the records kept by the clerks of court and their staff at 51 locations around the state. They send in the statistical data that form the body of this report. Once again, Debra Olken of this office served as managing editor, supervising the compilation of the data and the overall publication. She was ably assisted by Vicki Villalobos. Fran Norton keyboarded much of the data and text. Many others also contributed. To all of them, my thanks.

Sincerely,

Dana R. Baggett
State Court Administrator

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A Report to the Joint Convention
of the 112th Maine Legislature
(First Regular Session)

February 6, 1985

"THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY"

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By Chief Justice Vincent L. McKusick

February 6, 1985

I count it a high honor to be invited to address this Joint Convention.

At the outset I want to expand on a thought about the Separation of Powers that I expressed to you at your Legislative Banquet in early December. By article III of our Maine Constitution, the powers of government, as Caesar said of all Gaul, are divided into three parts, Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Article III expressly mandates that each of the three branches stay within its own domain and not intrude upon the responsibilities of the others. Judges must and will be particularly conscious of that constitutional command. The independence of the judiciary depends upon it. But Separation of Powers does not mean judges have to be isolated; nor does it mean judges have to be confrontational. On the contrary - now in my eighth year as head of the Judicial Branch, I have come to believe more and more that there is a governmental principle parallel to the Separation of Powers Doctrine - and that principle teaches us that each of the three branches must practice a policy of comity, communication, and cooperation with the other branches on matters of common concern.

To carry out that Policy of the Three C's - comity, communication, and cooperation - the Chief Justice, by a tradition started in 1977 by my predecessor, Chief Justice Dufresne, has addressed every Legislature early in its first regular session. I regularly report to you so that you legislators may be better able to carry out your heavy responsibilities with regard to the Judicial Branch. Your responsibilities include enactment of the substantive law for both civil and criminal cases; and resolution of questions of court structure and jurisdiction, court facilities, court operating budgets, and the number of judges and their compensation.

Yes, in our relationship with this great body, I believe strongly in the value of communication - two-way communication, incidentally. Also communication not just by talking to you in a formal setting such as today, but also by having our judges and our State Court Administrator provide information at the committee hearings that are the basic fabric of the legislative process. To promote communications with the Legislature, the Judicial Branch has formed a Legislation Committee headed this year by Superior Court Chief Justice Robert W. Clifford. One of its members, State Court Administrator Dana R. Baggett, will be available to you on a priority basis to respond to your inquiries about the courts.

Over the years the Policy of the Three C's has given Maine a court system we can jointly be proud of. I am reinforced in that pride every time I compare notes with my counterparts in the national Conference of Chief Justices. The features of Maine's court system admired by other states include the total statewide unification of four courts; state funding that isolates the courts from direct dependence on local revenues; the creation of career civil service (independent of political affiliation) for the men and women serving our courts; and the use of professional court administrators to manage the business-type functions of the courts, freeing judges for judging.

Cooperation among the three branches has produced fine results for the administration of justice in the past twelve months. To cite a few examples:

First, the Legislature and the Supreme Judicial Court last year cooperated in implementing the recommendations of your legislative Commission on Local Land Use Violations, headed by Senator Richard Trafton. You by statute conferred additional jurisdiction upon the District Court to enforce compliance with zoning and other land use laws by equitable orders of abatement; and our Court by rule prescribed streamlined procedures for such cases in the District Court similar to the procedures used there for civil traffic infractions. By this joint effort the previous crazy-quilt of cumbersome and incomplete enforcement procedures in the Superior and District Courts has been replaced with a uniform, simplified process in the District Court.

Second, collective bargaining for Judicial Department employees has come about by the coordinated action taken by the Legislature and the Supreme Judicial Court, jointly advised by a citizen committee with balanced membership representing both sides of public labor relations. To avoid any problem of separation of powers, the Legislature enacted a statute, and at the same time the Supreme Judicial Court issued an administrative order, establishing in identical parallel fashion the right of judicial employees to bargain collectively. In December our employees, divided into three bargaining units, chose the Maine State Employees Association as their collective bargaining agent.

Third, following the recommendations of your State Compensation Commission, chaired by Donald E. Nicoll, the Legislature addressed on a long-range basis the problem of judicial compensation and pensions. By your action, you established the principle that Maine judges are worthy of being paid comparably with federal judges and should have a modern, funded pension program in which a younger judge can build up a vested interest. That was landmark legislation. With it on the books, there should be less of a financial barrier to Maine's getting the best qualified women and men to accept judicial appointment.

Fourth, last year you took the first steps to meet our documented need for adding three judges to each of our principal trial courts, the Superior Court and the District Court. You authorized one additional judge for each court. We hope you will this year take the second step in a three-year program. The Governor joins me in recommending the addition this year again of one Superior Court judge and one District Court judge. By any measure, Maine has a remarkably small judiciary. Our need to complete our three-year program is plain, if our trial courts are to cope with their heavy caseloads.

Fifth, you of the Legislature last year identified a need for the legal system to do more to protect children caught up in the financial and emotional stress of their parents' divorce proceedings. Last year Maine had about 8,000 divorce cases filed, and I estimate that over half of the divorcing couples have one or more minor children. The Maine courts have had in operation since 1977 a voluntary mediation program for divorces, as well as small claims and other civil cases. The statute that went into effect last July 25th requires court-sponsored mediation of all contested issues in any divorce case where the divorcing couple has minor children. In the six months since July 25th, our mediation service under its director Lincoln Clark has fully implemented the new law; and divorce mediations are now running at close to 400 per month. It is too early to assess the results fully. We can report, however, that the rate of success in mandatory mediation appears to be as high as in mediation pursued voluntarily by the parties. Also, the mandatory mediation is apparently producing fringe benefits. Lawyers now seem to be more successful in getting agreement between their divorce clients even before reaching mediation, so that their cases go directly to the judge uncontested. Furthermore, the advertised availability of mediators at regular times all over the state has led to greater voluntary use of mediation in non-divorce cases. We now have 51 mediators compared to only 16 prior to July 25th. They are an impressive group, representing as broad range of vocational experience. They all share one common quality: the ability to get contesting parties to communicate and negotiate calmly with one another. There are contributing much to a better brand of justice in our Maine courts. The program has drawn acclaim from far beyond Maine's border.

The Legislative and the Judicial Branches can be proud of these tangible results of our mutual Policy of the Three C's. To these accomplishments, Governor Brennan has also contributed much. It is hard to imagine a Chief Executive who by personal nature and professional experience could be more understanding of court needs. It was under his leadership as a State Senator and as Chairman of the Commission bearing his name that our present unified court system was conceived and ultimately adopted in 1975. We are currently discussing with the Governor ways to realize more fully the Brennan Commission's objectives with regard to the interralationships between the Executive and the Judicial Branches. For example, in the important area of budget development, we hope to enhance direct communication between the Judicial Branch and your Joint Appropriations Committee.

Let me now report on each of our courts. This year I want to focus, first and foremost, on our trial courts. I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the trial judges and the other men and women who work diligently, day in and day out, in serving the State of Maine in our very busy trial courts.

The Superior Court, our court of general jurisdiction and only court with a jury, sits at every county seat, and at Caribou as well as Houlton in Aroostook County. The Superior Court handles over 16,000 cases a year - all the most serious civil and criminal cases.

The District Court, sitting at 33 locations from Fort Kent to Kittery, is our "people's court" because it typically handles about 230,000 cases a year. It also comes closest to being our "family court," handling all juvenile cases, nearly all divorces and family abuse and neglect matters, and the certification of foster homes for children, and the certification of the mentally ill and the mentally retarded for treatment. Legislative additions to the District Court's responsibilities have brought it close to being a general jurisdiction court on the the civil side - hearing cases up to $30,000, making available its simplified small claims procedures in cases up to $1,400, foreclosing real estate mortgages and mechanics liens - just to name a few of its expanded tasks on the civil side. Under the Single Trial Law, now successfully in effect for three years, all criminal cases tried in the District Court are appealable only on questions of law, the same as criminal cases tried in the Superior Court.

Finally, the third trial court, the Administrative Court, with its two judges, is charged with hearing and deciding petitions for the revocation of most state professional and business licenses.

Those three trial courts are functionally and administratively unified. Under my statutory authority to assign our two Administrative Court judges to the other trial courts, they sat in the District and Superior Courts three judge-weeks out of every month during 1984. Last year I also assigned District Court judges to sit in the Superior Court when needed at various times around the State. Active retired judges, including those of the Supreme Judicial Court, sat by my assignment in the trial courts during 1984 to do the work of the equivalent of more than 3 full-time judges.

A unified trial court administration is provided by the close working together of Chief Justice Clifford of the Superior Court and Chief Judge Bernard M. Devine and his Deputy, Judge Alan Pease, of the District Court. Along with the administrators of both courts and State Court Administrator Baggett, they form a smoothly working team constantly striving to improve trial court operations.

Under Chief Justice Clifford's leadership, the Superior Court is experimenting in four counties with expedited court management of civil cases in order to cut down unwarranted delay and excessive cost to the litigants. The goal is to move a large portion of the civil caseload, the less complex matters, through to final resolution within 6 to 12 months of filing.

Under Chief Judge Devine's leadership, the District Court is starting a program in two counties of using volunteer lay guardians ad litem for children involved in abuse and neglect proceedings. At present when the Department of Human Services files a complaint alleging child abuse or neglect, the court appoints a guardian ad litem for the child, usually a lawyer. The child does have legal rights to be protected, but even more at such a time the child needs the sustained support, in and out of court, of a concerned adult. By this program, which has been tested and proven in other states, dedicated volunteers are recruited and trained to help the child through the court proceedings. A properly selected volunteer will have the time and the interest to investigate the child's circumstances, to monitor the progress of his case, and to help the court reach a decision that serves the best interests of the child. This program taps the same wells of voluntarism that our in-court mediation program has tapped over the past seven and a half years. It holds great promise for improving the way the courts handle these sensitive and most important cases.

On the same general subject, three trial judges served with the Governor's Working Group on Child Abuse and Neglect Legal Proceedings. Some weeks ago you received that Group's report with its 51 recommendations. Commissioner Petit and others of his Working Group recently met with the Supreme Judicial Court and several trial judges, and we have identified a dozen of the recommendations that do not require legislation for implementation by the courts. Here is another fruitful application of the Policy of the Three C's, applied this time between the Executive and the Judicial Branches.

Sensitivity to the needs, concerns, and insights of other public officials and professionals also played a part in our continuing judicial education programs in 1984. The December Sentencing Institute, sponsored by the Judicial Council, in addition to getting trial judges to talk about and compare their sentencing philosophies, brought before our judges a range of professionals with experience in dealing with sex offenders of all types. The State Judicial Conference in September also brought to Maine a nationally recognized expert on the sentencing and treatment of such offenders, and devoted another time slot to a presentation on "Children in the Courts."

I now move to discuss some recommendations for legislative action on behalf of our trial courts. I have already mentioned the need for taking the second step in adding 3 judges to each of the Superior and District Court. At the same time I recommend two bills to save money. First, I recommend that an experimental investigating unit be set up within the Division of Probation and Parole to screen and audit the financial circumstances of criminal defendants who ask for counsel at State expense. The Maine Constitution mandates that the State provide counsel to an indigent criminal defendant on any charge on which he might be imprisoned. This mandated cost bulks large in our Judicial Department budget. A statistical study headed by Justice Wathen has determined that the rates of compensation paid lawyers are relatively low and uniformly applied. However, the study pointed out that the indigency determination has to be made by the judge only upon the statements of the defendant, with no time or no help of staff to check those statements for accuracy. I would be very surprised if the two investigators that are proposed could not save far more than they will cost by slowing the rate of increase in this mandated expense.

Second, the District Court proposes to merge three of its low-volume courts into other locations that are nearby. I am conscious of the extreme reluctance any community automatically feels for losing its District Court, but financial responsibility dictates that we in the courts bring this recommendation to you. One of the three courts handled only 270 cases during all of 1984, only one case per working day, and it is located only 22 miles from another District Court that could easily absorb that small caseload. At least two of these District Courts will require expenditures to make them accessible to the handicapped, if they are not phased out. The decision on this matter is yours to make.

Third, I recommend that the operations of the trial courts be computerized so that they may join the rest of the world of the mid-1980's. The great advantages of computers to give the judge the information he needs at the bench and to help judges and clerks manage their heavy caseloads are so obvious to all of us that I think the only question is how much money you can allocate to this undertaking.

Fourth, the serious facilities problems of our trial courts continue to get worse. I suggest that you simultaneously address those problems in a variety of ways. In the first place, the Cumberland County Commissioners are joining the Judicial Department in filing a bill that will permit a Cumberland County referendum on a county bond issued to build the additional courtrooms and other facilities urgently needed there. I remind you that in Portland the workload of the Superior Court and the District Court represents about 20% of all trial court business in the whole state. Although we were disappointed that voters statewide turned down a state court bond issue in 1983 and again in 1984, we note that Cumberland County voters supported both bond issues. County ownership of court facilities with lease to the Judicial Department is not a new idea. Out of our 33 District Court locations, 15 lease space from counties and 11 from municipalities. Also, at all 17 locations where our state Superior Court sits, it occupies county-owned buildings.

Another way to finance state court improvements is of course by direct appropriation. We have filed a bill that would do just that, in the happy event that you find current funds for capital investment.

Finally, for the longer term we need a more permanent solution to the continuing question of how to finance the construction of state court facilities throughout Maine. Court space needs are most urgent, and are by no means restricted to Cumberland County. We are a large state geographically, and our state trial courts have at each location maintained a lot of their local character. That is good. But we need a way for meeting local facilities needs for State court. We therefore propose, with the Governor's support, the creation of a state court building authority. That authority would be empowered to construct court facilities around the state when and where the need is identified and to lease them to the state Judicial Department. The State of Rhode Island has used this method for financing court facilities, and a similar method of revenue bond financing is familiar to us in Maine in the areas of turnpike construction and industrial development. I commend to you this new approach for meeting our long-term needs for more adequate court facilities.

I have been speaking of the facilities needs of the trial courts. Last year the Supreme Judicial Court concluded that ultimately it ought to be headquartered in Augusta along with the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Chiefs of our principal trial courts. Moving the Judicial Department headquarters here to the seat of State government would advance the Policy of the Three C's among the three branches. Also, the consolidation could well improve the management of the court system, and the move would, at 6 courthouses around the state, free up some space for use by the trial courts. I encourage you to study plans for an appropriate building for the Supreme Judicial Court in Augusta. I personally support that move, provided that the facilities needs of our trial courts are also taken care of. In my judgment, the trial courts must have first priority.

As my last recommendation relative to our trial courts, I transmit to you the proposal of the Maine Judicial Council that the present 16 county-funded probate courts with part-time elected judges be phased out, in the same way as the old part-time municipal courts and trial justices were phased out by the Legislature in the early Sixties. The Judicial Council makes its proposal after receiving the report of a broadly representative committee, chaired by President Cotter of Colby College, on which Senator Richard Trafton and Representative Susan Bell served. The Judicial Council proposes that jurisdiction over estate and trust matters be transferred to the Superior Court; family law matters, to the District Court; and guardianship, conservatorship and other protective proceedings, to both courts concurrently. The registries of probate will stay where they are, to serve as repositories of real estate and like records. Only four additional judges in the Superior and District Courts will be needed when all the present work of 16 probate courts is transferred; and the Cotter Committee estimates that no additional expense to the public will result. In normal course the phase-out would start on January 1, 1987, when the current terms of 7 probate judges elected in 1982 will have expired. This structural change of Maine's court system is similar to that proposed by the Probate Law Revision Commission that drafted our new Probate Code. The Code has now been in effect for 4 years. The time has now come to take the final step in probate reform for the State of Maine.

I have purposely reported to you first on the trial courts. All too often their critical importance in the administration of justice is forgotten, while we on the Supreme Judicial Court get the media attention. The truth is that our trial courts handle about a quarter of a million cases every year, and out of that staggering number only about 500 cases ever reach the Law Court. Over 99 and 44/100% of all cases end in the trial courts. Thus, the quality of justice in Maine depends heavily upon their performance. The quality of that performance is high. In those cases that do reach the Law Court, most of its work can be compared to that of the quality control department in a large manufacturing concern. The Law Court corrects error wherever it finds it has occurred in the trial courts, and also lays down precedent for their future guidance. But when you read the news that the Law Court has reversed a trial court decision, keep that news in perspective: Remember that the Law Court is performing its quality control function in correcting error found in a relative handful of the quarter of a million cases disposed of by trial judges.

In addition to its appellate functions as the Law Court, the Supreme Judicial Court carries other heavy loads. The Court has many functions. It is the policymaking board of directors of the Judicial Department. The Court is given by statute "general supervisory and administrative authority" over the Department - authority that it exercises by making rules for all the courts and by issuing administrative orders and by giving advice to me as the head of the Department.

The Supreme Judicial Court also has responsibility for admissions to the bar and for lawyer discipline, and, as you are aware from recent events, responsibility for judicial discipline short of the ultimate sanction of impeachment or address by the legislature.

All of us will do well to remind ourselves constantly that you and we alike are charged with high responsibilities for the administration of justice. In 1820 the founders of our State declared as their first goals "to establish justice" and to "insure tranquility," and so on. The Preamble to our State Constitution commences: We the people of Maine, in order to establish justice, insure tranquility." By that fundamental document, you of the Legislature have your assigned role in establishing justice, along with the different assigned roles of the Executive and the Judiciary. Ours is a common task of strengthening the process of justice. It is a a task requiring our constant attention. We can say of justice exactly what Robert H. Jackson of the United States Supreme Court said of liberty:

> "There is no such thing as ... achieved (justice); like electricity, there can be no substantial storage and it must be generated as it is enjoyed, or the lights go out."

I am confident that between us, both pursuing the Policy of the Three C's, we will be sure that the lights of justice do not go out, or even dim, in the State of Maine. I thank you very much.

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COURT STRUCTURE

HISTORY

Until separation in 1820, Maine was a part of Massachusetts and therefore included in the Massachusetts court system. However, in 1820, Article VI, Section 1, of the new Maine Constitution established the judicial branch of government stating: "The judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Supreme Judicial Court, and such other courts as the Legislature shall from time to time establish". From the start of statehood, the Supreme Judicial Court was both a trial court and an appellate court or "Law Court". The new State of Maine also adopted the same lower court structure as existed in Massachusetts, and the court system remained unchanged until 1852. The Probate Courts were created in 1820 as county-based courts and have remained so to date.

The Court Reorganization Act of 1852 increased the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court to encompass virtually every type of case, increased the number of justices and authorized the justices to travel in circuits.

The next major change in the system came in 1929, when the Legislature created the statewide Superior Court to relieve the overburdened Supreme Judicial Court. Meanwhile, the lower courts continued to operate much as they always had until 1961 when the municipal courts and the trial justices system was abolished and the new District Court created. The most recent change to the Maine Judicial System occurred in 1978 with the addition of the Administrative Court.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT AND LAW COURT

The Supreme Judicial Court is the governing body of the Judicial Department, and the Law Court is the court of final appeal. The Law Court hears appeals of civil and criminal cases from the Superior Court, appeals from final judgments, orders and decrees of the Probate Court, appeals of decisions of the Public Utilities Commission and the Workers Compensation Commission's Appellate Division, interlocutory criminal appeals and appeals of decisions of a single justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. A justice of the Supreme Judicial Court has jurisdiction to hear, with his consent, non-jury civil actions, except divorce or annulment of marriage, and can be assigned by the chief justice to sit in the Superior Court to hear cases including post-conviction matters and jury trials. In addition, single justices handle both admission to the bar and bar disciplinary proceedings. The justices of the Supreme Judicial Court make decisions regarding legislative apportionment and render advisory opinions concerning important questions of law on solemn occasions when requested by the governor, Senate or House of Representatives. Three members of the Supreme Judicial Court, appointed by the chief justice, serve as the Appellate Division for the review of criminal sentences of one year or more.

By statute, the chief justice is head of the Judicial Department, and the Supreme Judicial Court has general administrative and supervisory authority over the Judicial Department.

The Supreme Judicial Court has seven members: the chief justice and six associate justices. The justices are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. The Court determines the number, time and place of its terms depending on the volume of cases. The court sits in Portland four times a year and in Bangor twice a year. The terms run from three to six weeks and cover from 50 to 60 cases.

Upon retirement, a Supreme Judicial Court justice may be appointed an active retired justice by the governor for a seven year term, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the chief justice, an active retired justice has the same authority as an active justice, and may sit in either the Supreme Judicial Court or in the Superior Court. There were four active retired justices in the Supreme Judicial Court during 1984.

SUPERIOR COURT

The Superior Court was created by the legislature in 1929 as Maine's trial court of general jurisdiction. The court has original jurisdiction over all matters (either exclusively or concurrently with other courts) that are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the District Court. This is the only court in which civil and criminal jury trials are held. In addition, justices of this court hear appeals on questions of law from the District Court and from the Administrative Court.

There are 15 justices of the Superior Court who hold sessions of the Court in each of the 16 counties. The justices are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. A single chief justice is the administrative head of the Superior Court.

Upon retirement, a Superior Court Justice may be appointed an active retired justice by the governor for a seven year term, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the Superior Court chief justice, an active retired justice has the same authority as an active justice. There was one active retired justice in the Superior Court during 1984.

DISTRICT COURT

The District Court was created by the legislature in 1961 as Maine's court of limited jurisdiction. The Court has original jurisdiction in non-felony criminal cases, traffic infractions and civil violations, can accept guilty pleas in felony cases and conducts probable cause hearings in felony cases. The Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court in divorce, termination of parental rights and protection from abuse cases, non-equitable civil cases involving not more than $30,000, and also may grant equitable relief in cases of unfair trade practices and in cases involving local land use violations. The District Court is the small claims court (for cases involving not more than $1400) and the juvenile court. In addition, the Court hears mental health, forcible entry and detainer, quiet title and foreclosure cases. It is the only court available for the enforcement of money judgments.

There are 22 judges in the District Court; the chief judge, who is designated by the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, 7 judges-at-large who serve throughout the state, and 15 resident judges (including the Chief Judge) who sit within the 13 districts of the court. The judges are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, District Court judges may also sit in the Superior Court.

Upon retirement, a District Court judge may be appointed an active retired judge by the governor for a seven year term, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the chief judge, an active retired judge has the same authority as an active judge. There were seven active retired judges in the District Court during 1984.

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

The Administrative Court was created by the legislature in 1973 and became a part of the Judicial Department in 1978. Prior thereto, the Administrative Court had jurisdiction over suspension and revocation of licenses by a specific list of executive agencies. Effective July 1, 1978, the legislature substantially expended the jurisdiction of the Administrative Court. Other than in emergency situations, the Administrative Court was granted exclusive jurisdiction upon complaint of an agency or, if the licensing agency fails or refuses to act within a reasonable time, upon complaint of the Attorney General, to revoke or suspend licenses issued by the agency, and original jurisdiction upon complaint of a licensing agency to determine whether renewal or issuance of a license of that agency may be refused. Effective in 1983, the Administrative Court also has exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals from disciplinary decisions of the Real Estate Commission.

There are two judges of the Administrative Court; the Administrative Court judge and the Associate Administrative Court judge. The judges must be lawyers and are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, Administrative Court judges may regularly sit in the District Court or in the Superior Court.

COURT CASELOAD

Caseloads throughout Maine's state court system have undergone significant changes during the past several years. There are characteristic differences in 1984 court caseload compared to that of the 1970's, but these changes are difficult to quantify. For instance, statistics cannot demonstrate the degree to which civil litigation has become increasingly complex, a belief shared by judges and attorneys alike. It is often impossible to document the actual impact of new laws affecting court procedures, as well as legislation creating brand new types of cases. The number of Maine attorneys has risen by 65% since 1974, and the number of attorneys in the State Attorney General's and District Attorneys' offices has increased by 131% and 61% respectively since 1973, all of which are evidence of the greater litigiousness of today's society.

Nonetheless, the statistical analyses contained in the appendices to this report should provide one with an understanding of the composition and status of the state court caseload. These statistics are the product of the manual and computerized statistical reporting systems operating in varying levels of detail in each of the four state courts.

COURT MEDIATION SERVICE

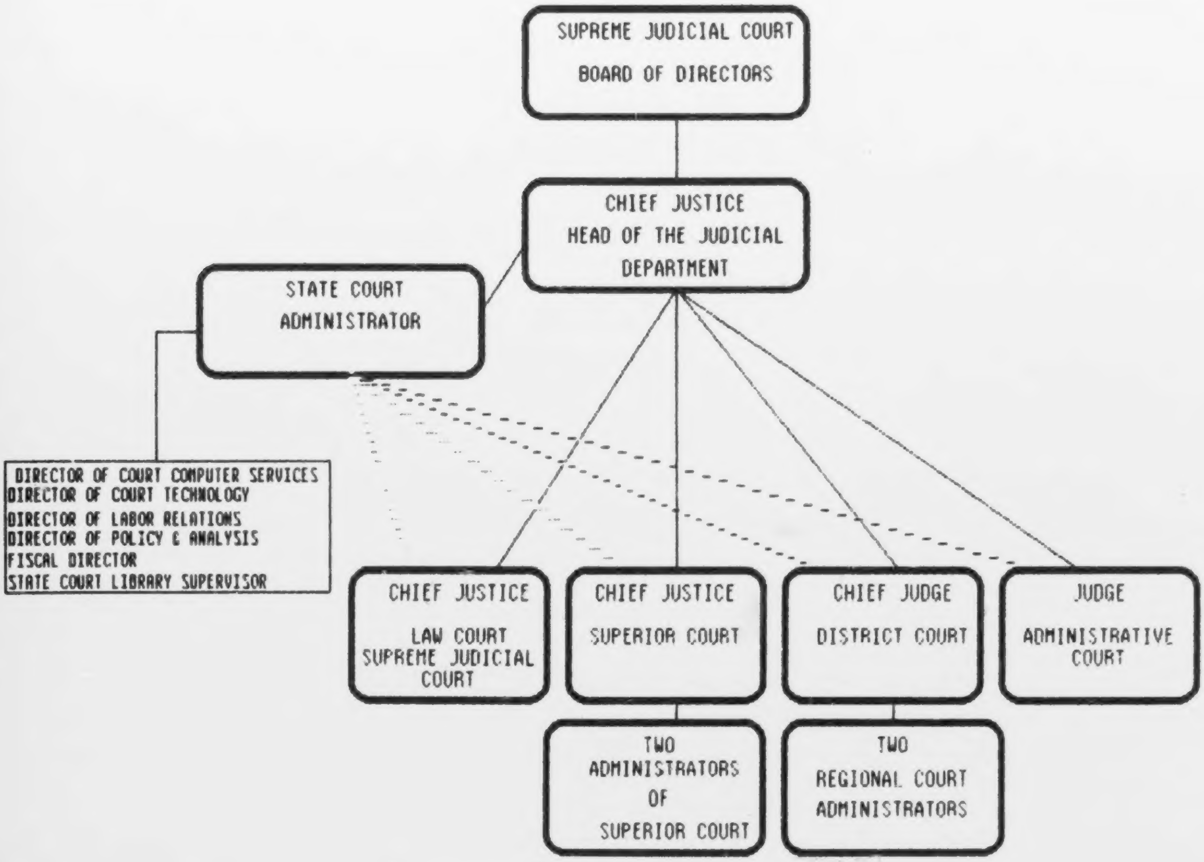
The Court Mediation Service provides an alternative method of resolving disputes by enabling the contesting parties to participate in reaching a settlement. The service was initiated in 1977 as a experiment to accelerate the resolution of small claims cases, but has since been expanded to include landlord-tenant, disclosure and domestic cases. On July 25, 1984, new legislation became effective requiring mandatory mediation of all issues in divorce cases in which minor children are involved, thereby drastically increasing the number of domestic case mediations.

There were 2,744 cases mediated in 1984. This number constitutes a 123% increase over the number of cases mediated in 1983, and includes 1859 domestic relations cases (divorce and child custody) and 855 non-domestic cases. Over 70% of the cases mediated in 1984 were mediated since July. By the end of 1984, there were 47 mediators serving the courts throughout the State, compared to 16 at the beginning of the year. More detailed statistical tables appear in Appendix IV of this report.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

The administrative structure of the Maine Judicial Department may be compared to that of a corporation. The Supreme Judicial Court serves as the Department's "board of directors" and by statute has general administrative and supervisory authority over the Department. This authority is exercised by promulgating rules, issuing administrative orders, establishing policies and procedures, and generally advising the chief justice. The chief justice is designated as head of the Judicial Department and is assisted by the state court administrator. Each of the four operating courts has a single administrative head, responsible to the chief justice, who also heads the Law Court. There is a chief justice of the Superior Court, a chief judge of the District Court and a chief Administrative Court judge. The chiefs in the Superior Court and District Court are each assisted by two court administrators. The entire group of chiefs and administrators meet at least every other month to address administrative and policy issues, although each court's chief meets with his respective administrators on a more frequent basis.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE


SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHIEF JUSTICE
HEAD OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR
DIRECTOR OF COURT COMPUTER SERVICES
DIRECTOR OF COURT TECHNOLOGY
DIRECTOR OF LABOR RELATIONS
DIRECTOR OF POLICY & ANALYSIS
FISCAL DIRECTOR
STATE COURT LIBRARY SUPERVISOR
CHIEF JUSTICE
LAW COURT SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
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JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT
TWO ADMINISTRATORS OF SUPERIOR COURT
TWO REGIONAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

OVERVIEW

The Administrative Office of the Courts was created in 1975. The office is directed by the state court administrator who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the chief justice. The Administrative Office staff is appointed by the state court administrator with the approval of the chief justice, and includes the following positions:

- Accountant
- Accounting Clerks (3)
- Director of Court Computer Services
- Director of Court Technology
- Director of Labor Relations
- Director of Policy and Analysis
- Fiscal Director
- Purchasing Manager/Accountant
- Secretaries (2)
- State Court Library Supervisor

Pursuant to 4 M.R.S.A. §17, the state court administrator's responsibilities are as follows:

1. **Continuous survey and study.** Carry on a continuous survey and study of the organization, operation, condition of business, practice and procedure of the Judicial Department and make recommendations to the Chief Justice concerning the number of judges and other judicial personnel required for the efficient administration of justice. Assist in long and short range planning;

2. **Examine the status of dockets.** Examine the status of dockets of all courts so as to determine cases and other judicial business that have been unduly delayed. From such reports, the administrator shall indicate which courts are in need of additional judicial personnel and make recommendations to the Chief Justice, to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and to the Chief Judge of the District Court concerning the assignment or reassignment of personnel to courts that are in need of such personnel. The administrator shall also carry out the directives of the Chief Justice as to the assignment of personnel in these instances;

3. **Investigate complaints.** Investigate complaints with respect to the operation of the courts;

4. **Examine statistical systems.** Examine the statistical systems of the courts and make recommendations for a uniform system of judicial statistics. The administrator shall also collect and analyze statistical and other data relating to the business of the courts;

5. **Prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, etc.** Prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, systems, forms, docketing and records to be used in the Supreme Judicial Court, in the Superior Court and in the District Court;

6. **Implement standards and policies set by the Chief Justice.** Implement standards and policies set by the Chief Justice regarding hours of court, the assignment of term parts and justices;

7. **Act as fiscal officer.** Act as fiscal officer of the courts and in so doing:

a. Maintain fiscal controls and accounts of funds appropriated for the Judicial Department;

b. Prepare all requisitions for the payment of state moneys appropriated for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department;

c. Prepare budget estimates of state appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department and make recommendations with respect thereto;

d. Collect statistical and other data and make reports to the Chief Justice, to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and to the Chief Judge of the District Court relating to the expenditures of public moneys for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department;

e. Develop a uniform set of accounting and budgetary accounts for the Supreme Judicial Court, for the Superior Court and for the District Court and serve as auditor of the Judicial Department;

8. **Examine arrangements for use and maintenance of court facilities.** Examine the arrangements for the use and maintenance of court facilities and supervise the purchase, distribution, exchange and transfer of judicial equipment and supplies thereof;

9. **Act as secretary.** Act as secretary to the Judicial Conference;

10. **Submit an annual report.** Submit an annual report to the Chief Justice, Legislature and Governor of the activities and accomplishments of the office for the preceding calendar year;

11. **Maintain liaison.** Maintain liaison with executive and legislative branches and other public and private agencies whose activities impact the Judicial Department;

12. **Prepare and plan clerical offices.** Prepare and plan for the organization and operation of clerical offices serving the Superior Court and the District Court;

13. **Implement preservice and inservice educational and training programs.** Develop and implement preservice and inservice educational and training programs for nonjudicial personnel of the Judicial Department; and,

14. **Perform duties and attend other matters.** Perform such other duties and attend to such other matters consistent with the powers delegated herein assigned to him by the Chief Justice and the Supreme Judicial Court.

FISCAL

The expenditure and revenue data are presented for the State fiscal year ended June 30th. The Judicial Department operates with State general funds which are appropriated by the legislature. It also administers several grants from public sources.

As shown by Graph F-5, there has been a steady increase since FY'77 (the first year for which comparable data were collected and reported) in both expenditures and revenues for the courts at all levels. Total expenditures for the courts have increased 126.7% from $6,516,431 in FY'77 to $14,769,277 in FY'84. Revenues have increased 94.2% from $5,775,643 in FY'77 to $11,217,394 in FY'84.

Expenditures

Judicial Department expenditures for FY'84 totaled $14,778,147, an increase of 7.8% over the previous year. The following is a summary of expenditures by Department subdivision:

TABLE F-1

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEARS
ENDED JUNE 30TH

SUBDIVISION	1983	1984	% OF CHANGE
JUDICIAL COUNCIL	$ 6,313	$ 6,133	-2.9
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT	1,380,793	1,464,137	6.0
SUPERIOR COURT	5,732,133	6,015,364	4.9
DISTRICT COURT	5,959,439	6,596,484	10.7
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT	162,531	176,563	8.6
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	327,729	419,175	27.9
SPECIAL PROJECTS	3,701	8,870	139.7
OTHER DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES	134,989	91,421	-32.3
TOTAL	$ 13,707,628	$ 14,778,147	7.8

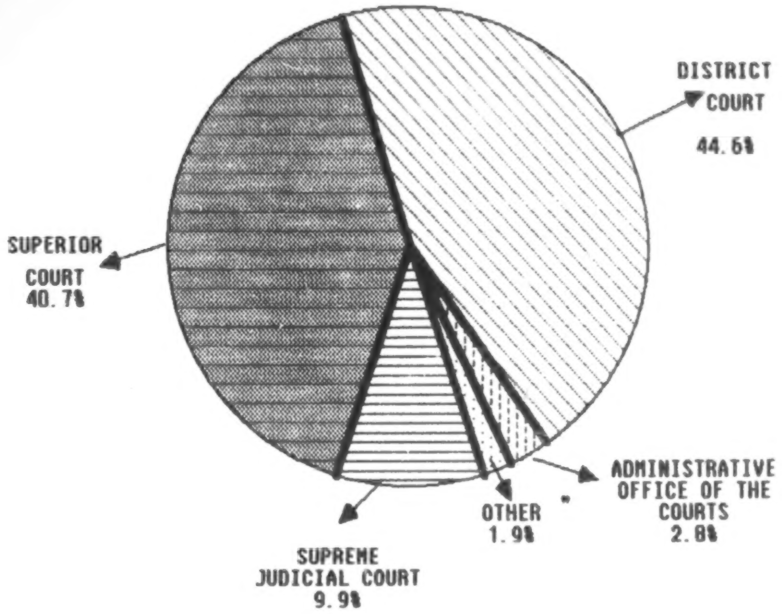
As in prior years, statutory payments to County Law Libraries have been included within Superior Court expenditures.

*Special Projects which were administered with federal monies during the fiscal year were as follows:

- Technical Training..............$8,870

GRAPH F-2

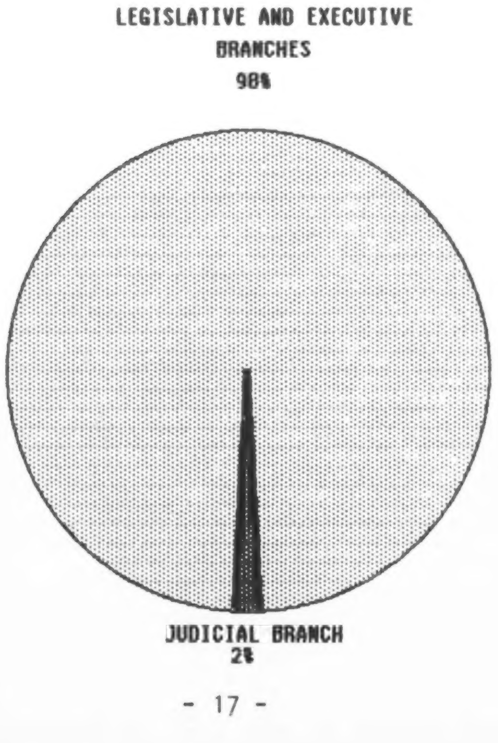
EXPENDITURES BY SUBDIVISION



* OTHER INCLUDES: JUDICIAL COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATIVE COURT, SPECIAL PROJECTS AND OTHER DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES.

JUDICIAL % OF STATE EXPENSES

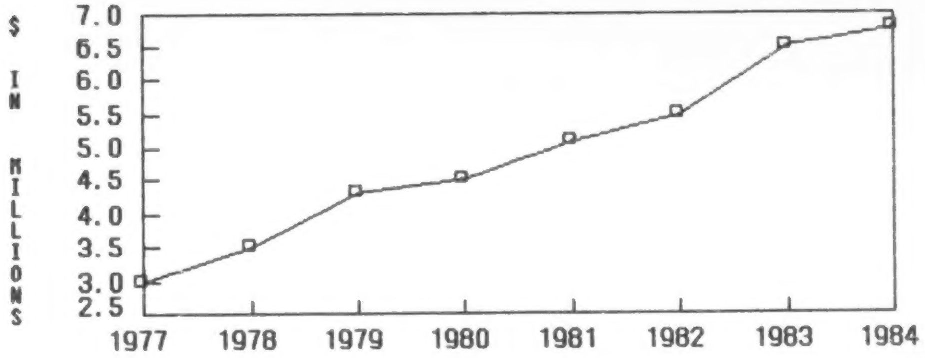
GRAPH F-3



EXPENDITURES
BY CATEGORY

GRAPH F-4

PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES



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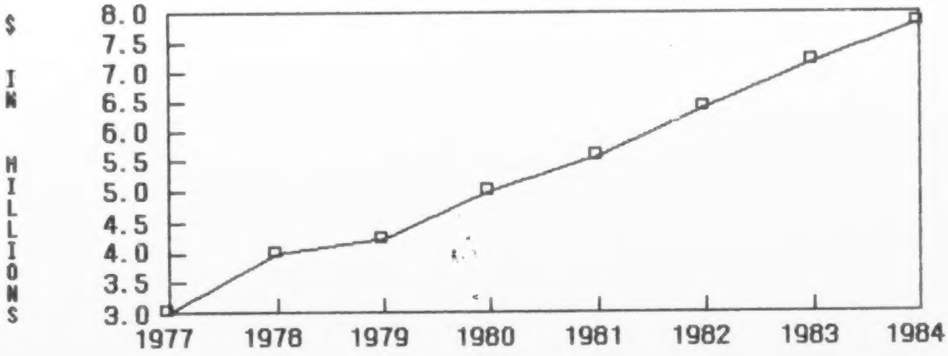

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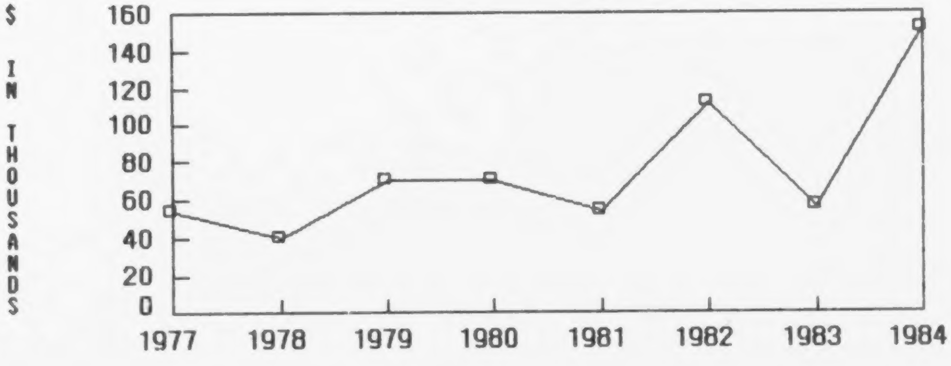
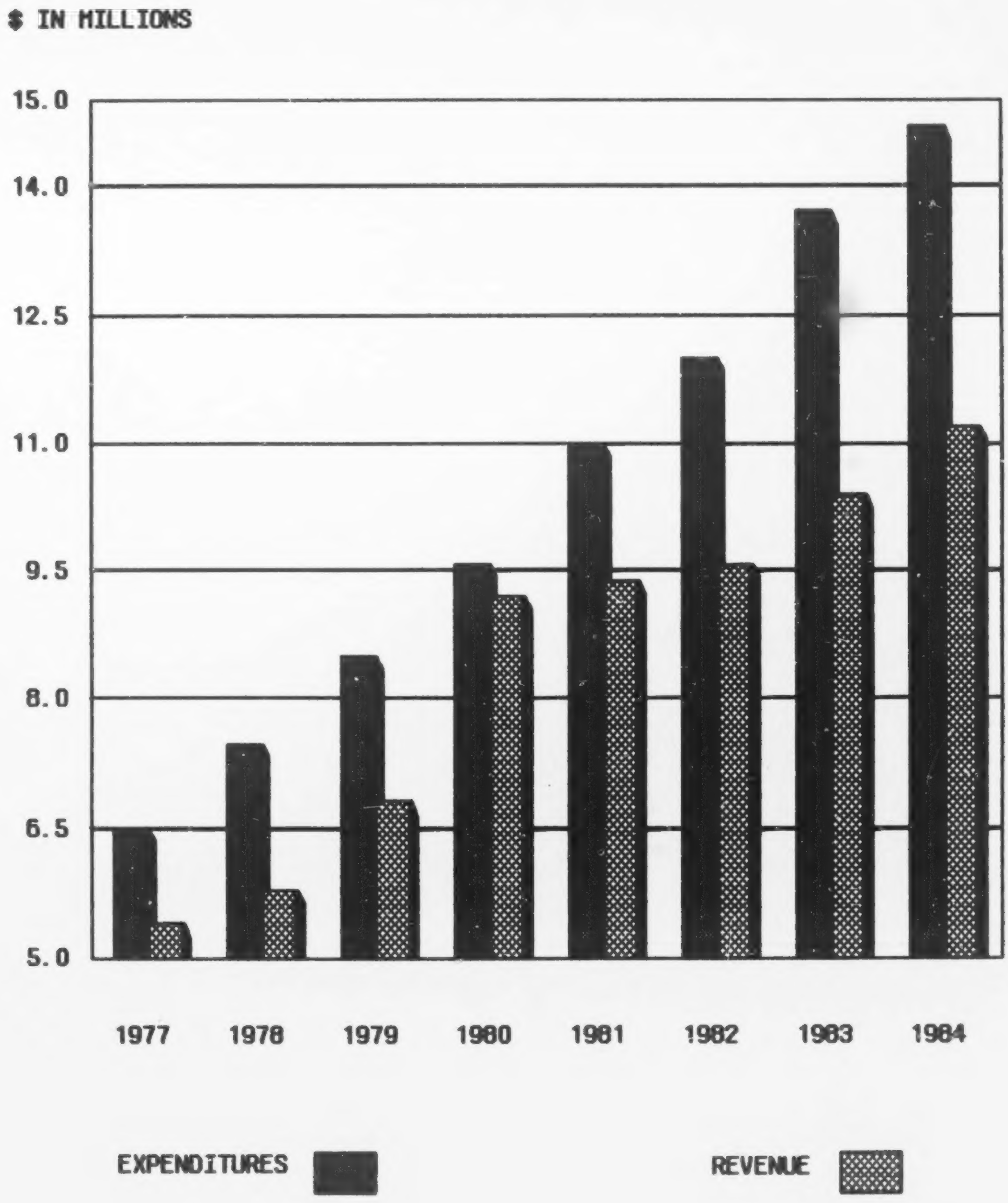


GRAPH F-5

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES



Revenue

Judicial Department gross revenue for FY'84 totaled $11,217,394. Table F-6 below identifies a source breakdown of that revenue for FY'81, FY'82, FY'83 and FY'84, and the percent change. Revenue and percent change by court location is shown in Table F-7 and F-9.

All funds collected by the Judicial Department, except project grants, go into the State General Fund. A relatively small proportion of these funds consist of fines for specific violations of law which are dedicated to certain agencies. A comparative summary of dedicated fines by fiscal year is also shown below.

TABLE F-6

COMPARATIVE REVENUE SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30TH

REVENUE	1981	1982	% CHANGE 1981-1982	1983	% CHANGE 1982-1983	1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
SUPERIOR COURT*	$ 726,558	$ 775,015	6.7	$ 731,544	-5.6	$ 853,819	16.7
DISTRICT COURT*	8,641,521	8,759,009	1.4	9,599,392	9.6	10,179,071	6.0
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT*	52,130	72,903	39.8	50,113	-31.3	119,461	138.4
MISCELLANEOUS	29,270	31,801	8.6	34,121	7.3	65,043	90.6
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 9,449,479	$ 9,638,728	2.0	$10,415,170	8.1	$ 11,217,394	7.7
LESS: DEDICATED REVENUE							
DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	$ 349,283	$ 407,627		$ 484,685		$ 593,477	
DEPT. OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE	253,349	274,830		258,016		276,607	
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMM./ TRANS. SAFETY FUND	102,220	76,032		80,014		123,106	
MUNICIPALITIES	28,055	44,127		48,089		44,212	
DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE	4,535	20		0		450	
DEPT. OF CONSERVATION	4,260	4,955		5,800		2,990	
MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES	335	4,759		4,405		5,703	
TOTAL DEDICATED REVENUE	$ (742,037)	$ (812,350)		$ (881,009)		$ (1,046,545)	
NET GENERAL FUND REVENUE	$ 8,707,442	$ 8,826,378		$ 9,534,161		$ 10,170,849	
REVENUE FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS	$ 212,000	$ 124,514		0		$ 39,192	

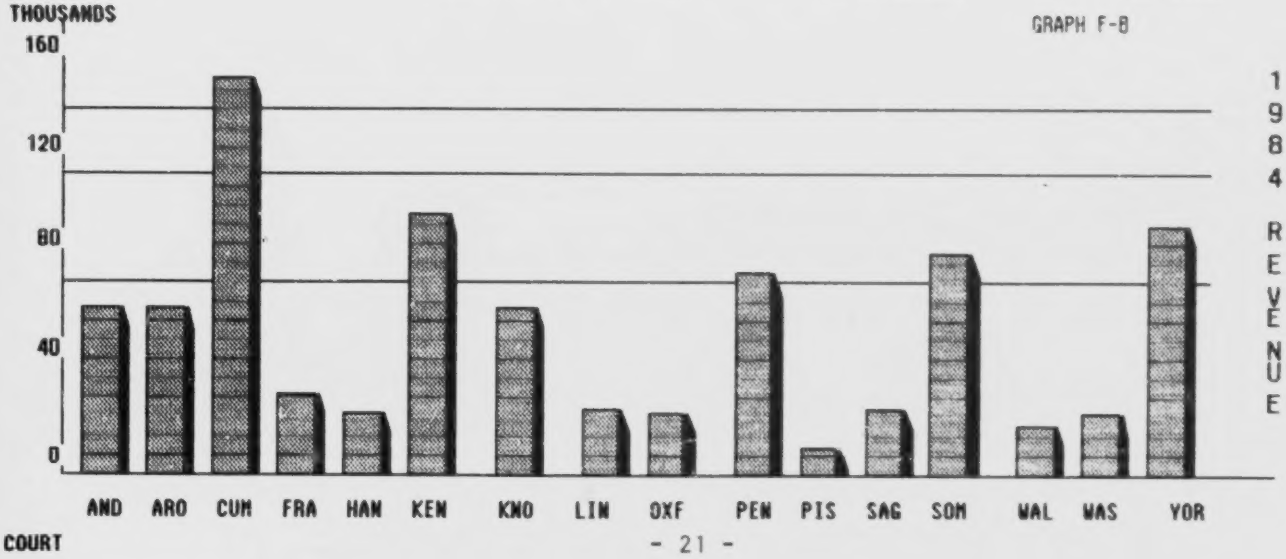
Note: This information is prepared on a cash basis and does not take into consideration any accruals.

*Revenue and percent change by Superior Court locations is shown on Table F-7 and Graph F-8. Revenue and percent change by District Court locations, including the Administrative Court, is shown in Table F-9.

COMPARATIVE REVENUE SUMMARY FOR SUPERIOR COURT LOCATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30TH

TABLE F-7

COURT	LOCATION (CITY OR TOWN)	1981 REVENUE	1982 REVENUE	% CHANGE 1981-1982	1983 REVENUE	% CHANGE 1982-1983	1984 REVENUE	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	AUBURN	$ 25,360	$ 24,845	-2.0	$ 58,048	133.6	$ 62,391	7.5
AROOSTOOK	HOULTON	49,770	50,166	.8	51,863	3.4	61,360	18.3
CUMBERLAND	PORTLAND	100,649	130,414	29.6	135,205	3.7	146,680	8.5
FRANKLIN	FARMINGTON	36,318	41,470	14.2	32,000	-22.8	29,934	-6.5
HANCOCK	ELLSWORTH	31,033	30,650	-1.2	25,148	-18.0	23,289	-7.4
KENNEBEC	AUGUSTA	77,251	58,674	-24.0	76,655	30.6	96,300	25.6
KNOX	ROCKLAND	36,591	35,375	-3.3	34,880	-1.4	62,216	78.4
LINCOLN	WISCASSET	21,201	31,784	49.9	22,433	-29.4	23,940	6.7
OXFORD	SOUTH PARIS	18,384	25,129	36.7	23,683	-5.8	23,416	-1.1
PENOBSCOT	BANGOR	79,469	46,929	-40.9	71,179	51.7	74,249	4.3
PISCATAQUIS	DOVER-FOXCROFT	10,350	46,949	353.6	7,183	-84.7	10,074	40.2
SAGADAHOC	BATH	23,660	14,586	-38.4	19,712	35.1	24,328	23.4
SOMERSET	SKOWHEGAN	106,028	141,705	33.6	74,244	-47.6	81,433	9.7
WALDO	BELFAST	13,043	11,153	-14.5	12,875	15.4	19,078	48.2
WASHINGTON	MACHIAS	22,012	21,413	-2.7	23,453	9.5	22,618	-3.6
YORK	ALFRED	75,439	63,773	-15.5	62,983	-1.2	92,513	46.9
TOTAL		$ 726,558	$ 775,015	6.7	$ 731,544	-5.6	$ 853,819	16.7



GRAPH F-8

COMPARATIVE REVENUE SUMMARY FOR DISTRICT AND ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS

FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30TH

TABLE F-9

COURT	1981 REVENUE	1982 REVENUE	% CHANGE 1981-1982	1983 REVENUE	% CHANGE 1982-1983	1984 REVENUE	% CHANGE 1983-1984
AUGUSTA	$ 634,190	$ 660.189	4.1	$ 637.172	-3.5	$ 600.443	-5.8
BANGOR	636,152	591,413	-7.0	696,147	17.7	702,044	.8
BAR HARBOR	51,342	45,424	-11.5	56,718	24.9	57,846	2.0
BATH	260,708	231,556	-11.2	252,001	8.8	236,112	-6.3
BELFAST	140,321	171,125	22.0	153,893	-10.1	148,924	-3.2
BIDDEFORD	668,157	584,889	-12.5	576,567	-1.4	672,031	16.6
BRIDGTON	114,698	109,260	-4.7	130,692	19.6	80,968	-38.0
BRUNSWICK	372,682	381,213	2.3	417,954	9.6	439,182	5.1
CALAIS	105.759	90.134	-14.8	134.619	49.4	136,957	1.7
CARIBOU	119,180	84,759	-28.9	156,257	84.4	96,832	-38.0
DOVER-FOXCR.	119,518	126,817	6.1	147,651	16.4	147,714	0.0
ELLSWORTH	177,384	193,658	9.2	307,758	58.9	356,131	15.7
FARMINGTON	231,527	236,886	2.3	288,931	22.0	271,938	-5.9
FORT KENT	74,521	70,900	-4.9	63,569	-10.3	70,079	10.2
HOULTON	215,359	223,266	3.7	196,224	-12.1	144,457	-26.4
KITTERY	480,407	451,280	-6.1	524,234	16.2	711,739	35.8
LEWISTON	469.993	558.974	18.9	596.222	6.7	635.691	6.6
LINCOLN	155,071	132,663	-14.5	154,423	16.4	145,050	-6.1
LIVERMORE FLS	50,043	55,428	10.8	64,414	16.2	119,449	85.4
MACHIAS	80,350	79,892	-.6	116,605	46.0	115,153	-1.2
MADAWASKA	47,101	54,837	16.4	52,583	-4.1	40,729	-22.5
MILLINOCKET	113,824	108,829	-4.4	89,036	-18.2	123,036	38.2
NEWPORT	194,609	160,866	-17.3	170,738	6.1	161,742	-5.3
PORTLAND	1,375,504	1,598,275	16.2	1,627,984	1.9	1,861,984	14.4
PRESQUE ISLE	188.261	189,372	.6	204.829	8.2	231.123	12.8
ROCKLAND	197,465	227,957	15.4	215,682	-5.4	253,663	17.6
RUMFORD	135,506	158,428	16.9	155,993	-1.5	148,096	-5.1
SKOWHEGAN	423,397	397,200	-6.2	453,657	14.2	457,515	.9
SOUTH PARIS	92,687	86,578	-6.6	84,156	-2.8	102,350	21.6
SPRINGVALE	226,529	216,810	-4.3	277,422	28.0	279,745	.8
VAN BUREN	16,265	21,219	30.5	13,941	-34.3	12,945	-7.1
WATERVILLE	260,507	259,381	-.4	353.435	36.3	420,567	19.0
WISCASSET	212.504	199.532	-6.1	227.885	14.2	196.836	-13.6
TOTAL	$8,641,521	$ 8,759,010	1.4	$ 9,599,392	9.6	$ 10,179,071	6.0
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT PORTLAND	$ 52,130	$ 72,903	39.8	$ 50,113	-31.3	$ 119,461	138.4
GRAND TOTAL	$8,693,651	$ 8,831,913	1.6	$ 9,649,505	9.3	$ 10,298,532	6.7

District Court Building Fund

Pursuant to 4 MRSA §163 (3), $3,000 per month is transferred from District Court appropriation to the District Court Building Fund. This fund is "to be used solely for the building, remodeling and furnishing of quarters for the District Court.....". Monies in this fund are carried forward from year to year.

The balance forward from fiscal year 1983. was $21,021. The addition of $36,000 for fiscal year 1984 brought the total available funds to $57,021. Of this amount, $10,897 was spent during the year for court renovation and furnishings of Biddeford, Kittery, Portland, Springvale, Brunswick, Augusta and Skowhegan court locations, leaving a yearend balance of $46,124.

COURT FACILITIES

1984 Referendum:

In November of 1984, Maine voters rejected a statewide referendum which would have allocated a total of $6 million to upgrade court facilities in Portland and in the Bath/Brunswick area. The 1984 referendum included a $3.8 million proposal to construct a new Ninth District and Administrative Court facility in Portland as well as remodeling vacated space in the Cumberland County Courthouse for use by the Superior Court. An additional $2.2 million was also included to construct a new court facility in the Bath/Brunswick area to accommodate the needs of the Sixth District Court.

The 1984 referendum failed by a statewide margin of 43% in favor to 57% opposed. However, the referendum was approved in Cumberland County by a 57% to 43% majority, despite opposition in the remaining fifteen counties. Similar statewide referendums for court facilities were also rejected by voters in 1980 and 1983.

In December of 1984, draft legislation was approved by the Cumberland County Commissioners and submitted to the legislature to authorize a countywide referendum in 1985. If authorized by the Legislature, the referendum would again include a $6 million request to upgrade court facilities in Portland and Brunswick, plus an additional $3.5 million to construct a parking garage adjacent to the facilities in Portland to ease critical parking problems. Also, Waldo County officials submitted legislation to authorize a countywide referendum to construct a new District Court facility in Belfast. Similar legislation may also be introduced in early 1985 by Sagadahoc County officials seeking authorization for a countywide referendum to upgrade Superior Court facilities in Bath.

In addition to supporting the concept of a countywide versus a statewide referendum, court officials also plan further study and may seek legislative authorization for the creation of a state bonding authority to finance statewide construction and renovation projects designed to upgrade substandard court facilities.

State Judicial Center

In September of 1984, a preliminary proposal for the construction of a state judicial center in Augusta was submitted to the Bureau of Public Improvements at the request of the Supreme Judicial Court for inclusion in the statewide capital improvement budget. Such a facility conceivably would be located near the State House and would serve to provide facilities for the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court, the

Chief Judge of the District Court, the Clerk of the Law Court, the State Court Administrator and the staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Unlike the majority of states, Maine's appellate court neither regularly sits nor maintains a visible presence in the state capital. Instead, the Chief Justice maintains chambers in the Cumberland County Courthouse in Portland and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial maintain chambers in various county courthouses throughout the state. The Clerk of the Law Court also maintains an office at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Portland. Terms of court are held in Portland and Bangor throughout the course of the year. Inefficiencies associated with time and distance are often noted under the present arrangement, in addition to problems associated with the critical shortage of space in most county courthouses due to increasing District and Superior caseloads, the need for additional mediation facilities and the expansion of county offices.

Skowhegan District Court:

In January of 1984, the Twelfth District Court, Division of Somerset moved from leased space in the basement of the Somerset County courthouse to newly renovated leased space in downtown Skowhegan. Such a move effectively doubled the amount of space available for public waiting, conference and mediation areas, as well as the addition of a second courtroom. The new court facility was also designed to be fully accessible to handicapped citizens.

Lincoln District Court:

In May of 1984, the Thirteenth District Court, Division of Central Penobscot moved to a renovated facility in Lincoln, thereby solving identified needs for more adequate courtroom conference, mediation and clerical areas, as well as meeting requirements for handicap access and additional public parking. The new facility was renovated by a private developer as part of the community's downtown revitalization program and leased to the District Court.

Handicapped Access:

Various court facility studies conducted in the late 1970's identified many court locations as containing architectural barriers to handicapped persons. Such barriers typically involve long flights of stairs or similar impediments which deny mobility impaired individuals entry to the courthouse or restrict movement within such a facility. The Judicial Department leases all but one District Court facility, the Superior Court continues to occupy space in county-owned courthouses, and prior referendums to upgrade such facilities failed to result in voter approval. As a result, the Department was not in a position to correct such deficiencies and suggested that primary responsibility for compliance should be borne by county government and owners of leased facilities.

Nonetheless, in late 1982 the Maine Association of Handicapped Persons filed suit against the State of Maine in United States District Court seeking access to all state courts by handicapped or mobility impaired person. Conferences commenced in 1983 between various state officials and representatives of the Association. State officials surveyed all court facilities and identified specific alterations that would be required to facilitate handicap accessibility. A plan was prepared by the Bureau of Public Improvements in consultation with the Maine Association of County Commissioners and the Judicial Department for shared funding by state and county government of projects designed to provide access to the courts and other public offices contained in each courthouse. The estimated cost of all projects statewide totaled $1,035,950, with the state share estimated at $720,000. A bond issue was proposed as the means for funding the State share. The 111th Legislature approved the proposal subject to voter approval in a statewide referendum, which was later passed in November of 1983.

As 1984 came to a close, architectural selection and design was well underway, and three county courthouses had already been considered handicap accessible. Approximately half of Maine's 33 District Courts were also deemed to be accessible by year end. Studies were commissioned to evaluate the feasibility of upgrading and maintaining certain District Court facilities and subsequent negotiations were opened with various building owners to develop accessibility plans for mobility impaired persons. A consent decree was also prepared between the Maine Association of Handicapped Persons and the State of Maine, reaffirming the desire of both parties to strive for barrier free access to state court facilities by August 31, 1986.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS

On July 25, 1984, the Supreme Judicial Court issued an "Administrative Order in regard to Judicial Employees Labor Relations". This order, and a simultaneously effective statute, 26 M.R.S.A. ch. 14, afford judicial employees all the rights and obligations of collective bargaining. The positions eligible for representation in the three bargaining units were agreed upon mutually in October, 1984 and the Maine State Employees Association prevailed as a bargaining agent in elections held in December, 1984.

There were two major amendments to the Judicial Salary Schedule in July of 1984. The "banding" of court clerk salaries and assistant clerk salaries from five and four classes, respectively, down to three classes, afforded greater pay and promotional advancement opportunities for employees in those classifications. The implementation of a 1983 pay comparability study raised the classification level of nine of 29 job classifications. As the end of 1984 approached, the entire judicial family, classified and non-classified employees, became eligible for comprehensive dental insurance.

The Director of Labor Relations undertook 17 job re-classification requests and completed eleven of them during 1984. Three Judicial Appeals Board procedures were processed with two appeals being heard and resolved. On December 1, 1984, the new Maine Judicial Retirement System went into effect. Seven justices/judges were appointed or elevated to other courts and four justices/judges retired in 1984.

On December 1, 1984, the first of five successive fiscal year justice and judge salary increases went into effect, recommended by the Maine State Compensation Commission and patterned after the Federal Judicial Salary Schedule. Simultaneously, the Maine Judicial Retirement System came into being which amended the non-contributory judicial retirement plan into a contributory system with major changes in the benefit structure for justices and judges retiring after December 1, 1984.

JUDICIAL RESOURCES

Scheduling

In the District Court, resident judges serve in the district to which they are appointed by the governor, although occasionally they may assist in other districts in emergency instances. There are seven at-large judges who are scheduled by the deputy chief judge on a monthly basis. Six District Court locations require the services of an at-large judge every month, leaving only one judge available to cover special assignments and vacancies due to illness, vacations, and educational conferences, and to assist courts experiencing particular backlog problems.

Superior Court justices are assigned throughout the state on a yearly basis by the chief justice of the Superior Court, although justices serve primarily in a few courts for most of the year. On a monthly or bi-monthly basis, the court administrators, in coordination with justices, clerks, and attorneys, prepare schedules detailing the daily work of justices and court reporters, for approval by the chief justice. During 1984, various experiments were undertaken involving trailing lists, extended lists, and docket calls in an effort to improve case management and expedite case disposition.

Use of Active Retired Justices and Judges

Upon retirement, any justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or Superior Court, or any judge of the District Court, may be appointed by the governor to active retired status. These members of the judiciary render invaluable service by their availability to serve throughout the state assisting overburdened courts. During 1984, the four active retired Supreme Judicial Court justices, one active retired Superior Court justice and seven active retired District Court judges served a total of 841 days, equivalent to the work of 3.8 full-time judges.

JUDICIAL EDUCATION

The Seventh Maine Judicial Conference was held September 23rd to 25th at the Cliff House, York, Maine. Various major issues such as mandatory mediation, children in the Maine courts, and the judicial role in lawyer discipline were examined and discussed by the judiciary. As usual, each court held collegial meetings to confer and discuss matters affecting the administration of their respective courts. In the afternoon of the last conference day, in keeping with a tradition, the conference participants were addressed by Governor Joseph E. Brennan .

Eight justices/judges availed themselves of continuing education opportunities during 1984. Such topics as search and seizure and hearsay evidence seminars were attended by several justices. Other members of the judiciary participated, presented, or attended seminars or professional conferences in various subject areas of professional or contemporary concern.

NON-JUDICIAL EDUCATION

In April, 1984, a group of administrative employees attended a major program in Chicago examining new technology and its application to the courts. Many productive ideas and suggestions were gained from the program, particularly in the area of trial court computerization.

Under a new education policy of the Personnel Manual, five employees received subsidized education at several post secondary institutions. One Court Reporter attended the National Shorthand Reporters Association conference at the annual meeting.

The annual Clerks of Court Conference was held in September at the Judicial Conference. Prior to that date, in May, 1984, a special one-day conference of Court Clerks was held in Augusta and Bangor for Superior and District Court clerks. The common topics discussed at both sessions were legal amendments and recruitment procedures vis-a-vis the Maine Human Rights Act.

During 1984, several courses in library and court technology were attended by administrative staff members from those respective fields.

COURT AUTOMATION

During 1984, the Judicial Department made substantial progress toward the computerization of its administrative office and trial courts with the hiring in August of the Director of Court Computer Services. During the fall, equipment was purchased to automate the Administrative Office of the Courts' word processing functions and some statistical and financial functions. A detailed workplan spanning the next two years was prepared for trial court automation, and by the end of 1984, a Request for Proposals had been prepared and some preliminary programming had been completed. It is anticipated that the criminal caseload in the first District Court location will be automated during 1985, with other District Court and Superior Court locations to follow during the remainder of the year. Criminal caseload automation has been made possible in part by a grant from the federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the Maine Bureau of Safety.

COMPUTER ASSISTED LEGAL RESEARCH

During 1984, planning was initiated for the use of Westlaw and Lexis in the Maine courts. Installation of these computer-assisted legal research systems is expected to be completed in seven pilot sites by early 1985, for use by the Supreme Judicial Court, Superior Court and District Court. These systems are being tested for a twelve-month period, during which the Judicial Department is only financially responsible for actual time used on line. A committee of users will evaluate the systems in terms of availability of recent unpublished opinions, thoroughness of searches and time savings in comparison to manual research.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

In 1984, the Task Force on Records Management and Court Exhibits completed and submitted to the State Court Administrator a recommended retention and disposition schedule for administrative, fiscal and personnel records. The Task Force also completed drafts on retention and disposition schedules for court related records for both Superior and District Court.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULE HIGHLIGHTS

OVERVIEW

During 1984, the Administrative Office of the Courts continued the practice of preparing a weekly status list of all legislation of concern to the Judicial Department. This list is disseminated to the Supreme Judicial Court, the Judicial Department Legislation Committee, the Judicial Council Legislative Committee and all administrative staff. Throughout each legislative session, the Administrative Office of the Courts reviews all proposed legislation which may impact the Judicial Department and prepares fiscal and programmatic impact statements. Such documentation can require weeks of staff time to compile and analyze pertinent information, and to consult with the Judicial Department Legislation Committee and appropriate persons. It is estimated that the equivalent of one full-time position is devoted to responding to these and other legislative requests from January through May of each year. The following listing portrays the legislative and rule highlights of 1984.

COURT JURISDICTION

--District Court small claims jurisdiction increased from $1,000 to $1,400.

--The District Court now has original jurisdiction, concurrent with that of the Superior Court, to grant equitable relief in proceedings involving alleged violations of all local and certain enumerated state land use laws.

MEDIATION

--Mediation is mandatory on all contested issues in any cases of separation, annulment, or divorce where there are minor children. Also, where the parents are living apart and there are minor children, the Court shall refer them to mediation before holding a contested hearing to determine their parental rights and responsibilities. Any agreement reached by the parties through mediation on any issues shall be reduced to writing, signed by the parties, and presented to the Court for approval as a court order. There shall also be mandatory mediation before the modification or termination of any order for parental rights and responsibilities.

SENTENCING

--The sentencing court is required to notify the Commissioner of Corrections that a person has been committed to the Department of Corrections, and the Commissioner is required to advise the sheriff and the sentencing court where the sentenced person is to be incarcerated.

TRANSFER OF VENUE

--A presiding justice of the Superior Court may, in the interests of justice and to secure the speedy trial of an action, or for other good cause, transfer any civil action or proceeding from the Superior Court in one county to another county. Transfer may be by consent of all parties to any civil action or proceeding, provided that the prior approval of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court is obtained.

COURT EMPLOYEES

--The Judicial Employees Labor Relations Act was enacted, conferring and delineating the right of judicial employees to join labor organizations and to be represented by those organizations in collective bargaining for terms and conditions of employment.

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

--Appeals of orders terminating parental rights lie directly to the Law Court.

--Where the Department of Human Services and the parents of a child ordered into the Department's custody cannot agree as to the contents of a rehabilitation and reunification plan, either party may file a motion for judicial review with the District Court.

MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS AND COMPUTER TRANSCRIPTS

--A properly certified transcript of a motor vehicle record stored in a computer is admissible whenever a properly certified copy of the official motor vehicle record would be admissible.

--A clerk or deputy clerk of any District Court may certify a transcript of motor vehicle data from all District Courts; a clerk or deputy clerk of any Superior Court may certify a transcript of motor vehicle data from all Superior Courts; and the Secretary of State may certify a transcript of motor vehicle data from all courts in the State, or any of them.

CRIMINAL EXTRADITION ACCOUNT

--An Extradition Account was established in each prosecutorial district in an amount not to exceed $10,000, to be administered by the district attorney and to be used solely for the purpose of paying the expenses of extraditing persons charged with or convicted of a crime in this State and who are fugitives from justice. The Extradition Account in each prosecutorial district shall be funded by bail forfeited to and recovered by the State. Any bail so forfeited and recovered and not deposited in the Account shall be deposited in the General Fund.

DISTRICT COURT REDISTRICTING

--The Brunswick division was transferred from District VIII to District VI. As a result, District VI now includes Bath, Brunswick, Rockland and Wiscasset and District VIII includes only Lewiston.

--The towns of Pownal and Yarmouth were transferred from District VI to District IX.

COMMITTEES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE LISTING

There are numerous functional committees within the Judicial Department. The purpose of these committees, which include judges, lawyers, and private citizens, is to assist the Supreme Judicial Court, as well as the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Superior Court chief justice, and the District Court chief judge in carrying out their respective responsibilities.

The committee listing below is organized by appointing authority, with the exception of the Board of Bar Examiners whose members are appointed by the Governor upon recommendation by the Supreme Judicial Court. The following pages list all committee members, followed by narrative descriptions of selected committees.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Advisory Committee on Court-Bar Association Relations
Board of Examiners for the Examination of Applicants for Admission to the Bar
Board of Overseers of the Bar
Civil Rules Committee
Committee on Collective Bargaining for Judicial Department Employees
Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability
Committee on Professional Responsibility
Court Administration Committee
Criminal Rules Committee
Evidence Rules Committee
Judicial Records Committee
Probate Rules Committee

CHIEF JUSTICE

Committee on Continuing Judicial Education
Committee on Court-Appointed Counsel
Committee on 1984 Judicial Conference
Committee on 1985 Judicial Conference
Court Mediation Committee
Judicial Department Legislation Committee
Judicial Policy Committee
State Court Library Committee

SUPERIOR COURT CHIEF JUSTICE

Superior Court Civil Forms Committee
Superior Court Criminal Forms Committee

DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGE

District Court Civil Forms Committee
District Court Criminal Forms Committee
District Court Policy and Advisory Committee

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COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

Board of Overseers of the Bar

The Board of Overseers of the Bar was created by order of the Supreme Judicial Court in 1978. The Board consists of nine members selected by the Court, three of whom are lay persons and six of whom are members of the Bar of the State of Maine. The Board supervises and administers the registration of all attorneys admitted to practice in the state; investigates and processes claims and reports of violations by attorneys of the rules of practice set forth in the Maine Bar Rules; provides a procedure for the arbitration of disputes between clients and attorneys with respect to legal fees; maintains limited consulting and advisory services with respect to the interpretation and application of the Code of Professional Responsibility (Rule 3 of the Maine Bar Rules relating to ethical standards); and engages in a continuing review and study of the Bar in relation to the public and the Courts for the purpose of making recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court with respect to the Maine Bar Rules.

At the end of 1984, there were 2,824 attorneys registered to practice in Maine.

Civil Rules Committee

During 1984, the Civil Rules Committee considered the problem of civil case delay in the Superior Court and conducted an extensive study of case flow management and delay reduction programs in other states. Their study resulted in a recommendation that an experimental procedure be adopted for the management of civil actions in the Superior Courts located in Aroostook, Cumberland, Kennebec and Oxford counties. Upon approval by the Supreme Judicial Court, the project became effective on November 1st.

The procedure, termed the Civil Case Flow Expedition Project, seeks to resolve a large portion of civil actions within six months to one year of filing. Actions which, in the opinion of the Superior Court justice reviewing the case, are not complex are placed on an expedited pretrial list with fixed discovery deadlines and no pretrial memoranda or conference. All other actions proceed normally under the Civil Rules.

Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability

By legislative authorization, 4 M.R.S.A. §9-B, the Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability was established by order of the Supreme Judicial Court in July 1978 and is empowered to receive and investigate complaints of judicial misconduct and disability. Judicial misconduct is defined by the Code of Judicial Conduct, which has been adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court. By order of the Court, the Code of Judicial Conduct is binding on all state judges, except that only the first three canons apply for judges of probate.

The Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability consists of seven members appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court. Two members are either active or active retired justices of the Superior Court, active or active retired judges of the District Court, or active judges of probate. Two members are attorneys at law admitted to practice in the State of Maine, and three members are representatives of the general public of the State of Maine. The public and attorney members are appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court upon the recommendation of the governor.

Proceedings before the Committee are typically begun upon receipt of a complaint concerning the conduct of a judge. If the Committee members decide that the facts stated appear to come within its authority, a copy of the complaint is submitted to the judge involved for his response, followed by an investigation and decision on whether an evidentiary hearing before the Committee is necessary. The Committee cannot itself impose disciplinary sanctions, but it may seek informal correction of any judicial conduct or practice which the Committee determines may create an appearance of judicial misconduct. If the Committee determines that discipline may be in order, it reports its findings and conclusions, together with recommendations, to the Supreme Judicial Court, and thereafter the matter is handled by the Court as a court proceeding.

Criminal Rules Committee

During 1984, the Criminal Rules Advisory Committee began an extensive review of the continued status of secrecy regarding Grand Jury proceedings. The primary issue involved was whether such proceedings should be open, particularly to insure greater involvement by defense counsel. It is anticipated that a total package of recommendations concerning Grand Jury proceedings will be completed during 1985.

Judicial Policy Committee

The Judicial Policy Committee was created by the Chief Justice to address the long-range planning needs of the Judicial Department. During 1984, the bulk of the Committee's activity involved the preparation of the District Court Redistricting Study. This report evaluated the desirability of maintaining several of the smallest District Court locations, and recommended that three court locations be closed and consolidated with adjacent locations. Upon approval by the Supreme Judicial Court, legislation was drafted during December for submission to the 112th Legislature reflecting this recommendation. Toward the end of 1984, the Committee also undertook a study of the state appropriations process as it relates to the Judicial Department. As a result, the Committee supported the submission of legislation to clarify the Executive Department's role in the Judicial Department's budget process prior to submission to the Legislature.

State Court Library Committee

The State Court Library Committee serves as the governing body for Maine's 18 county law libraries. The seven voting members, (two lay-persons, two members of the judiciary and three attorneys), are appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, who also designates the chairman. The State Law Librarian and the State Court Administrator are ex officio, non-voting members.

For the benefit of the judiciary, the bar and the public, the committee is charged with improving access to the law libraries and the materials therein. In 1984, the committee authorized purchase of a reader/printer for micro-form materials for the Tier I libraries in Cumberland and Penobscot counties. It also authorized creation of a part-time librarian position for Penobscot County and requested and received additional monies for maintaining each tier's collections.

General supervision of the libraries' professional functions rests with the State Court Library Supervisor. In 1984 this included periodic visits to each library, meetings with local law library committees, supervision of two volunteer workers and the publication of the first two issues of the Maine County Law Library Bulletin.

MAINE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

As set forth in 4 M.R.S.A. §451, the purpose of the Judicial Council is to "make a continuous study of the organization, rules, and methods of procedures and practices of the judicial system of the State, the work accomplished, and the results produced by that system and its various parts."

The Council consists of the following members: the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court (chairman, ex officio), the attorney general, the chief justice of the Superior Court, the chief judge of the District Court, the dean of the University of Maine Law School, together with an active or retired justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, one justice of the Superior Court, one judge of the District Corut, one judge of a Probate Court, one clerk of courts, two lawyers, and six laypersons, the latter to be appointed by the governor for such periods not exceeding four years, as he may determine. The executive secretary, by contract, provides all executive services to the Council.

The Council met on five occasions during 1984. During the year, the Council created a Court Structure Committee to study both the structure of the Probate Court and the reorganization of the family law functions currently residing in the Probate, District and Superior Courts. The Committee met actively during 1984 and planned to report its recommendations to the Council in January, 1985 so that appropriate measures could be introduced in the Legislature.

The Council also continued to participate in the Study of the Future of the Maine Legal Profession, which completed the first phase of its activities during 1984. In addition, the Council sponsored the 1984 Sentencing Institute that was held in Augusta on December 13 and 14.

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Appendix I

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Caseload Statistics

1984

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LAW COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS

Table LC-1

This table presents Law Court caseload information, including filings, dispositions and pending caseload since 1976. The "end pending" category includes four distinct sub-groups: cases not yet at issue (awaiting completion of the record on appeal or completion of briefing); cases at issue awaiting oral argument (cases fully briefed as of the end of the previous year); cases orally argued awaiting opinion; and cases remanded to the Superior Court prior to oral argument for correction of procedural defects. The comparison of filings and dispositions on this table indicates the degree to which dispositions have risen to meet the demand of incoming filings. Although filings increased by 90.7% from 1976 to 1984, the number of cases disposed rose by 108.9%.

TABLE LC-2

This table details the type and outcome of Law Court dispositions during 1984. Several categories require some explanation. "Other Administrative Proceedings" are cases seeking review of action (or refusal to act) by agencies of the Executive Department governed by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act or by agencies of local government such as Planning Boards. These municipal cases are brought pursuant to M.R.Civ.P.80B. Since the creation of the Appellate Division of the Workers Compensation Division in September 1981, most workers compensation cases are now disposed by denial of petition for appellate review and do not involve full briefing, argument and opinion. "Discretionary Appeals" are requests for certificates of probable cause in post-conviction review (15 M.R.S.A. §2131) and review of extradition (15 M.R.S.A. §210-A) cases. "Change in Results" means a reversal, vacation, or substantive modification of the trial court's judgment.

TABLE LC-3

The average time required from notice of appeal to disposition for cases in which written opinions were issued is presented for 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 on Table LC-3. Since most non-opinion disposition cases do not complete all of the steps of an opinion disposition, the inclusion of these cases in this table would skew the results, particularly in the early stages. The four sections correspond to (a) work done primarily by trial court clerks and court reporters; (b) work done by the parties' attorneys; (c) pre-argument study by justices and law clerks and scheduling lag; and (d) the actual decision making process and preparation of the opinion. The fifth section traces the cases through the entire Law Court process, from notice of appeal to final disposition.

TABLE LC-4

More complete timeframe data for only 1984 are included on this table, detailing the actual number of cases during each stage of case processing.

GRAPH LC-5

The bulk of the written opinions issued by the Law Court continue to involve civil cases, as evidence by this graph tracing the issuance of opinions since 1976.

TABLE LC-6

This table presents the Appellate Division's caseload statistics for the past five years, itemizing filings, dispositions and pending caseload.

TABLE LC-1

LAW COURT

TOTAL CASELOAD

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
CIVIL									
- BEGIN PENDING	119	143	205	187	180	288	248(c)	230	249
- FILINGS (a)	145	174	240	238	382(b)	384	325	332	343
- DISPOSITIONS	121	112	258	245	274	402	343	313	342
- END PENDING	143	205	187	180	288	270(c)	230	249	250
CRIMINAL									
- BEGIN PENDING	127	136	164	70	56	77	54(c)	82	69
- FILINGS (a)	124	152	125	118	131	137	153	154	170
- DISPOSITIONS	115	124	219	132	110	147	125	167	151
- END PENDING	136	164	70	56	77	67(c)	82	69	88
TOTAL									
- BEGIN PENDING	246	279	369	257	236	365	302(c)	312	318
- FILINGS (a)	269	326	365	356	513	521	478	486	513
- DISPOSITIONS	236	236	477	377	384	549	468	480	493
- END PENDING	279	369	257	236	365	337(c)	312	318	338
CASES ARGUED AWAITING OPINION AT END OF YEAR	119	173	65	42	82	44	52	66	59

(a) Includes new appeals, interlocutory appeals, and reports

(b) As of September 1, 1980, M.R.Civ.P. 73(f) was amended to provide for docketing of civil appeals in the Law Court promptly upon the filing of the notice of appeal in the Superior Court. Under the amended rule, a total of sixty-one (61) civil appeals were docketed in 1980 that would not have been docketed in that year under the former rule

(c) It appears that a tabulation error in the past year is responsible for the discrepancy in the number of cases pending at the end of 1981 versus the beginning of 1982

TABLE LC-2

LAW COURT DISPOSITIONS

1984

	CHANGE IN RESULTS	NO CHANGE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL DISPOSITION
CRIMINAL				
- Signed Opinion	19	62	81	
- Per Curiam	0	1	1	
- Memorandum	0	19	19	
-----Total Written Opinions	19	82	101	
- No Opinion	1	41	42	
----------TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	20	123	143	29.2%
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION				
- Signed Opinion	2	2	4	
- Per Curiam	0	0	0	
- Memorandum	0	0	0	
-----Total Written Opinions	2	2	4	
- No Opinion	0	3	3	
----------TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	2	5	7	1.4%
WORKERS COMPENSATION				
- Signed Opinion	2	3	5	
- Per Curiam	0	0	0	
- Memorandum	0	0	0	
-----Total Written Opinions	2	3	5	
- No Opinion	2	40	42	
----------TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	4	43	47	9.6%
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS				
- Signed Opinion	11	25	36	
- Per Curiam	0	0	0	
- Memorandum	0	3	3	
-----Total Written Opinions	11	28	39	
- No Opinion	1	11	12	
----------TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	12	39	51	10.4%
ALL OTHER CIVIL				
- Signed Opinion	54	67	121	
- Per Curiam	1	2	3	
- Memorandum	2	19	21	
-----Total Written Opinions	57	88	145	
- No Opinion	1	91	92	
----------TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	58	179	237	48.4%
DISCRETIONARY APPEAL				
- Signed Opinion	1	0	1	
- Per Curiam	0	0	0	
- Memorandum	0	0	0	
-----Total Written Opinions	1	0	1	
- No Opinion	0	4	4	
----------TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	1	4	5	1.0%
TOTAL				
- Signed Opinion	89	159	248	
- Per Curiam	1	3	4	
- Memorandum	2	41	43	
-----Total Written Opinions	92	203	295	
- No Opinion	5	190	195	
----------TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	97	393	490	100.0%

TABLE LC-3

LAW COURT
AVERAGE TIME TO DISPOSITION*

	1981	1982	1983	1984
(a) NO. OF DAYS FROM NOTICE OF APPEAL TO COMPLETION OF RECORD				
- Criminal	76.8	74.0	95.1	97.9
- Public Utilities Commission	23.3	33.7	31.5	19.0
- Workers Compensation	61.4	53.2	58.3	63.0
- Other Administrative Proceedings	62.7	58.0	50.3	31.1
- All Other Civil	100.0	70.4	55.9	50.0
- Discretionary Appeal	99.7	78.3	95.9	120.0
TOTAL	80.5	67.7	70.5	64.1
(b) NO. OF DAYS FROM COMPLETION OF RECORD TO COMPLETION OF BRIEFING				
- Criminal	89.9	82.6	93.2	89.8
- Public Utilities Commission	60.8	99.7	89.5	67.0
- Workers Compensation	80.5	86.4	83.7	18.0
- Other Administrative Proceedings	68.7	74.2	68.3	86.1
- All Other Civil	81.5	80.0	80.3	79.0
- Discretionary Appeal	106.8	86.8	78.3	101.0
TOTAL	82.5	81.2	83.7	82.6
(c) NO. OF DAYS FROM COMPLETION OF BRIEFING TO ORAL ARGUMENT				
- Criminal	52.4	54.2	57.2	51.3
- Public Utilities Commission	57.0	53.3	64.0	35.8
- Workers Compensation	72.5	89.9	41.5	67.6
- Other Administrative Proceedings	69.7	52.0	67.9	57.3
- All Other Civil	70.6	60.0	62.0	62.5
- Discretionary Appeal	55.3	38.0	47.8	25.0
TOTAL	64.4	60.3	60.3	57.6
(d) NO. OF DAYS FROM ORAL ARGUMENT TO DISPOSITION				
- Criminal	106.4	66.7	65.8	76.1
- Public Utilities Commission	132.8	99.0	99.0	78.0
- Workers Compensation	84.0	97.2	77.0	106.6
- Other Administrative Proceedings	121.1	74.2	93.3	75.2
- All Other Civil	120.6	70.6	75.7	104.2
- Discretionary Appeal	122.7	58.8	60.5	54.0
TOTAL	110.7	73.0	74.1	90.2
(e) NO OF DAYS FROM NOTICE OF APPEAL TO DISPOSITION				
- Criminal	325.5	277.6	311.3	315.1
- Public Utilities Commission	273.8	285.7	284.0	184.3
- Workers Compensation	298.4	329.1	249.8	255.2
- Other Administrative Proceedings	322.1	258.4	279.9	249.7
- All Other Civil	370.6	280.8	269.3	295.3
- Discretionary Appeal	384.5	261.8	282.4	300.0
TOTAL	337.5	282.6	286.2	293.9

* Includes only those cases for which written opinions were issued

LAW COURT
ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION*
1984

	0-25 DAYS	26-50 DAYS	51-75 DAYS	76-100 DAYS	100-UP DAYS	TOTAL CASES	AVERAGE NO. OF DAYS
NOTICE OF APPEAL TO COMPLETION OF RECORD							
- Criminal	13	27	21	9	31	101	97.9
- Public Utilities Commission	3	0	0	0	0	3	19.0
- Workers Compensation	0	1	3	1	0	5	63.0
- Other Administrative Proceedings	26	7	3	3	0	39	31.1
- All Other Civil	60	41	15	9	20	145	50.0
- Discretionary Appeal	0	0	0	0	1	1	120.0
TOTAL	102	76	42	22	52	294	64.1
COMPLETION OF RECORD TO COMPLETION							
- Criminal	2	0	45	30	24	101	59.8
- Public Utilities Commission	0	1	0	2	0	3	67.0
- Workers Compensation	3	2	0	0	0	5	18.0
- Other Administrative Proceedings	1	2	18	11	7	39	86.1
- All Other Civil	7	7	65	43	22	144	79.0
- Discretionary Appeal	0	0	0	0	1	1	101.0
TOTAL	13	12	128	86	54	293	82.6
COMPLETION OF BRIEFING TO ORAL ARGUMENT							
- Criminal	1	61	28	11	0	101	51.3
- Public Utilities Commission	1	2	1	0	0	4	35.8
- Workers Compensation	0	1	2	2	0	5	67.6
- Other Administrative Proceedings	1	18	11	7	2	39	57.3
- All Other Civil	5	54	50	24	11	144	62.5
- Discretionary Appeal	1	0	0	0	0	1	25.0
TOTAL	9	136	92	44	13	294	57.6
ORAL ARGUMENT TO DISPOSITION							
- Criminal	19	28	15	11	28	101	76.1
- Public Utilities Commission	0	1	1	2	0	4	78.0
- Workers Compensation	0	1	1	1	2	5	106.6
- Other Administrative Proceedings	4	13	8	5	9	39	75.2
- All Other Civil	21	45	16	14	48	144	104.2
- Discretionary Appeal	0	0	1	0	0	1	54.0
TOTAL	44	88	42	33	87	294	90.2
NOTICE OF APPEAL TO DISPOSITION							
- Criminal	0	0	0	0	101	101	315.1
- Public Utilities Commission	0	0	0	0	4	4	184.3
- Workers Compensation	0	0	0	0	5	5	255.2
- Other Administrative Proceedings	0	0	0	0	39	39	249.7
- All Other Civil	1	0	0	0	144	145	295.3
- Discretionary Appeal	0	0	0	0	1	1	300.0
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	294	295	293.9

* Includes only those cases for which written opinions were issued

LAW COURT WRITTEN OPINIONS

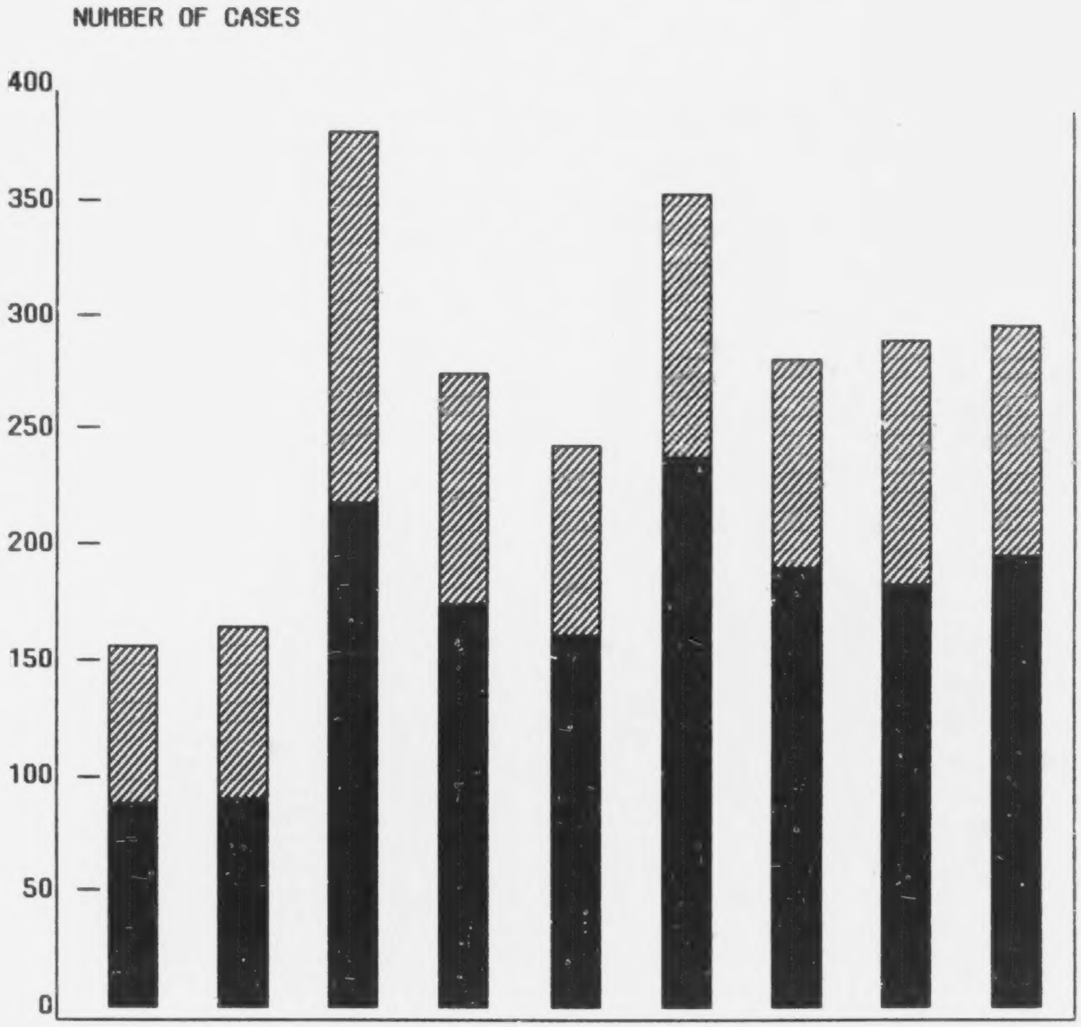


TABLE LC-6

LAW COURT APPELLATE DIVISION
TOTAL CASELOAD

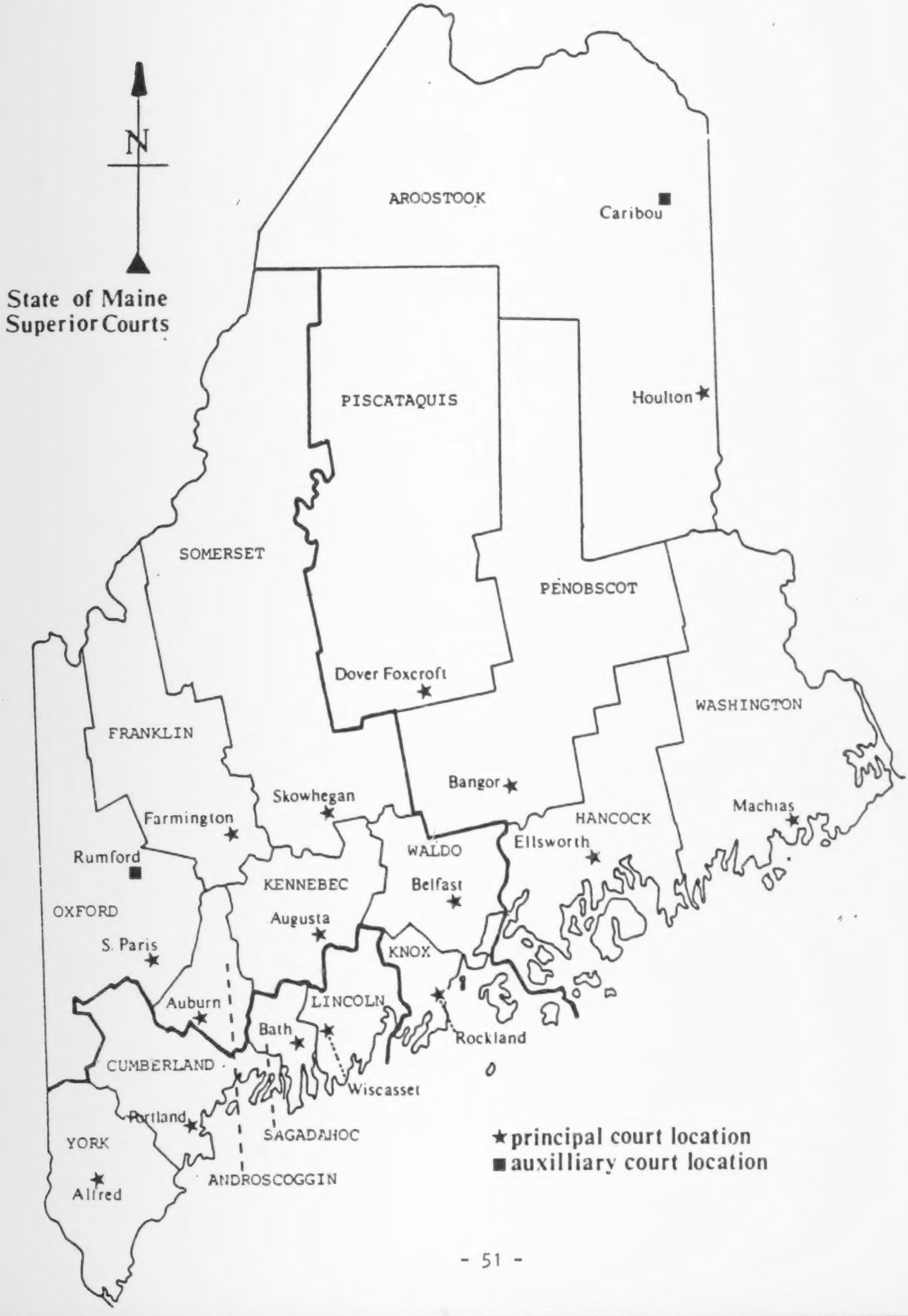
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
BEGINNING PENDING	21	42	38	26	30
FILINGS	51	54	53	52	61
DISPOSITIONS	30	58	65	48	56
END PENDING	42	38	26	30	35

DISPOSITIONS	1984
CASE WITHDRAWN	3
CASE DISMISSED-SENTENCE UNDER ONE YEAR	1
CASE DISMISSED-APPEAL MOOT	3
APPEAL DENIED	49
TOTAL	56

CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR	1984
LAW COURT APPEAL PENDING	11
AWAITING RECORD	16
CASES IN CIRCULATION	4
INVESTIGATION OR HEARING	3
LAW COURT OPINION STAYED PENDING OUTCOME OF POST-CONVICTION	1
TOTAL	35

Appendix II

Superior Court
Caseload Statistics



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SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS

The data tables contained in this section are organized into four segments, detailing the composition and flow of Superior Court caseload for the past five years. These data are derived from the Superior Court Statistical Reporting System established in 1977. Statistical sheets for each case are prepared manually by Superior Court clerks; these sheets are subsequently keypunched for computerized editing and updating on a monthly basis. Numerous reporting programs provide caseload information for management purposes throughout the year and serve as the source of the data presented in this Annual Report. Definitions of types of cases and dispositions for civil and criminal cases appear on pages 103 and 143 respectively.

In order to determine trends over a period of time, many tables in this 1984 report include information for the years 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983. As a result of periodic auditing, however, some of these figures may not match those which appeared in previous Annual Report publications, although the variations in most instances are minimal. All figures are presented by calendar year.

It should also be noted that all figures reflecting filings also include refilings. Refilings are cases which were previously disposed, but have returned to the Superior Court for substantial further action. The specific circumstances under which a civil or criminal action is considered a refiling appear on pages 103 and 143 respectively. Refilings constitute from one to two percent of the total caseload.

Summary

Table SC-2 traces the flow of all cases in each of the 16 Superior Court locations since 1980. 1984 marks the second time in recent history that dispositions have exceeded filings, resulting in an actual decrease in pending caseload. As Table SC-3 demonstrates, criminal cases account for over half of the Superior Court's caseload, with civil and URESA cases comprising 35.1% and 8.7% respectively.

Civil Caseload

Graph SC-4 through Table SC-15 provide detailed information concerning the Superior Court's civil caseload. Statewide, 1984 is the third consecutive year in which civil dispositions exceeded civil filings, which is largely the result of a steady decrease in civil filings. Of the 5,764 dispositions during 1984, over 48% were dismissed upon agreement of the parties (Rule 41(a)) while an additional 12% were dismissed by the court after two years of case inactivity. The 192 civil jury trials accounted for about 3% of all dispositions.

Table SC-12 presents timeframe data for the civil pending caseload. As of the end of 1984, the average civil case had been pending for an average of over 18 months, ranging from less than 17 months in Somerset to over 20 months in Hancock and Washington.

The average time required for a case to reach jury trial is presented on Table SC-13. It took an average of about two and one-half years for a civil case to reach jury trial during 1984. It should be noted, however, that the average number of days from filing to pre-trial memorandum, a period over which the courts have little control, alone consumed about one year (see Table SC-15). Table SC-14 summarizes the average number of days required from filing to disposition for civil cases during the last five years. The statewide average has risen by 41 days since 1980 but dropped slightly during the past year. Every Superior Court location reported that civil dispositions required an average of over one year, ranging from 401 days in Somerset to over 600 days in Androscoggin, Aroostook and Hancock. When reviewing this table for individual courts, the detailed 1984 figures on Table SC-15 should also be consulted, since smaller courts may have had few cases from which to calculate an average.

Five key timeframes are measured on Table SC-15:

- Filing to Pre-trial Memorandum
- Pre-trial Memorandum to Pre-trial Conference
- Pre-trial Conference to Jury Trial
- Pre-trial Conference to Non-Jury Trial
- Filing to Disposition

Although the first two timeframes occur prior to final disposition, it should be noted that these measures cannot be calculated until the information is entered into the computer at the time the case is actually disposed.

The first timeframe is largely a measure of the time required for attorneys to file a pre-trial memorandum after a case has been filed in the Superior Court. Over 35% of the cases required over a year from filing to pre-trial memorandum, with a statewide average of 363 days. The measure from pre-trial memorandum to pre-trial conference reflects the time required to reach conference after the request has been submitted; statewide, this averages 221 days, although cases in Androscoggin consumed considerably more time to complete this phase of civil case processing. The next two timeframes, conference to jury trial and conference to non-jury trial are significant in that they indicate how quickly the court is able to accommodate the demand for trials. However, it should be noted that courts may employ different scheduling policies which may impact these calculations; for instance, some courts may deliberately not schedule pre-trial conferences until the court's ability to schedule a trial is imminent. Nonetheless, an average of 337 days statewide was required for a case to reach jury trial from pre-trial conference, while non-jury trials were held within 253 days. The last timeframe traces the total time required for civil cases to move from filing to disposition, and reflects the total number of cases disposed during 1984. Of the 5,764 cases disposed, over 33% took in excess of two years to reach disposition.

URESA Caseload (Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act)

The Superior Court's URESA caseload is presented on Table SC-16 through SC-19. The number of URESA filings in 1984 represents a 30% decrease from the 1980 level. With a significant rise in dispositions during the past year, the pending caseload dropped to its lowest point since 1980. Pending caseload is always rather misleading with respect to URESA cases, however, since the bulk of the case activity actually occurs during the months and years subsequent to the judge issuing an order and the clerk reporting the case as statistically "disposed".

Criminal Caseload

Criminal caseload in the Superior Court may be counted by either docket number or defendant number. When counted by docket number, the actual number of cases assigned a docket number is reflected. Some courts report multiple-defendant cases more frequently than others, due to differing District Attorney practices, resulting in docket numbers which contain more than one defendant. From a statewide perspective, the issue is not particularly significant, since caseload measured by number of defendants is only a few percent higher than when calculated by docket number. (See Table SC-27). In this report, the core analysis of filings, dispositions and pending caseloads are counted by docket number, as are the types of cases, such as appeals, transfers, indictments, etc. However, classes of charges are counted by defendant, as are types of dispositions and trials. The latter two items are counted by defendant because of the likelihood for the multiple defendants included in a single docket number to be tried and/or disposed in different manners.

Graph SC-20 through Table SC-36 depict the criminal caseload statewide. The number of criminal filings dropped by less than 2% over the past five years, but experienced a 6% drop from 1983 to 1984. Dispositions also dropped, but to a lesser degree, resulting in a 4% decrease in pending caseload. The composition of the criminal caseload has changed during the past few years, as evidenced by the increase in the number of transfers and the dramatic decrease in appeals from the District Court. (See Table SC-24). This has been largely the result of the implementation during 1982 of the so-called "single trial law" which provided that in Class D and E proceedings, the defendant may waive his right to jury trial and elect to be tried in the District Court, but that an appeal to the Superior Court following trial and conviction in the District Court may be only on questions of law. The rate of transfers varies markedly throughout the state, ranging from under 40% in Androscoggin, Aroostook, Hancock and Penobscot to over 60% of the total caseloads in Franklin, Knox, Lincoln and Somerset. Cases involving murder, Class A, Class B and Class C crimes (generally considered to be felonies) constituted 35.6% of the state's criminal caseload.

Boundovers from the District Court create a difficult situation with regard to the counting of cases for statistical purposes. When a boundover is filed in the Superior Court, it statistically remains a "boundover" type of case even if an indictment results. When a boundover results in an information being filed, however, the District Attorney dismisses the boundover, and a new docket number is assigned for the information. Under such circumstances, the case is actually being counted twice, and the number of District Attorney dismissals is slightly inflated.

Table SC-28 was prepared in order to document the effect of outstanding warrants of arrest upon criminal pending caseload. In general, the assumption has been made that pending caseload serves as an obvious indication of a court's ability or inability to efficiently dispose of cases in relationship to incoming workload. However, in numerous instances, cases may be filed in the Superior Court which cannot be processed because a warrant issued for the defendant is not or cannot be served. Thus, it may be unfair to hold the courts solely responsible for increases in pending caseload which in fact may be beyond their control. Certainly the effect of outstanding warrants upon pending caseload varies considerably throughout the state. Statewide, 31.7% of all criminal pending caseload appears to be a result of outstanding warrants but this varies widely, from less than 15% in Kennebec and Piscataquis to over 40% in Aroostook, Somerset and Waldo.

Case disposition data on Tables SC-29 and SC-30 reveal that defendants were convicted in 57.5% of all cases, while dismissals by either the court or the District Attorney accounted for 30% of all dispositions. Of 5,254 convictions, over 90% were by plea of guilty. There were 408 criminal jury trials during 1984 which represents about 4% of all criminal case dispositions. (See Table SC-31).

Table SC-34 portrays the average time required for indictments and transfers to reach a jury trial. Indictments took an average of about six and one-half months to reach a jury trial, 25 days less than in 1983. Table SC-35 includes the average time required to reach final disposition for indictments and transfers. These figures reflect all cases reaching disposition, including those which may have been quickly terminated via dismissal, so the average time is less than for the previous table where all cases culminated in jury trial. When reviewing averages for individual courts, Table SC-36 which refers to the actual numbers of cases should also be consulted, since smaller courts may have had few cases from which to calculate an average.

GRAPH SC-1

SUPERIOR COURT
TOTAL CASELOAD

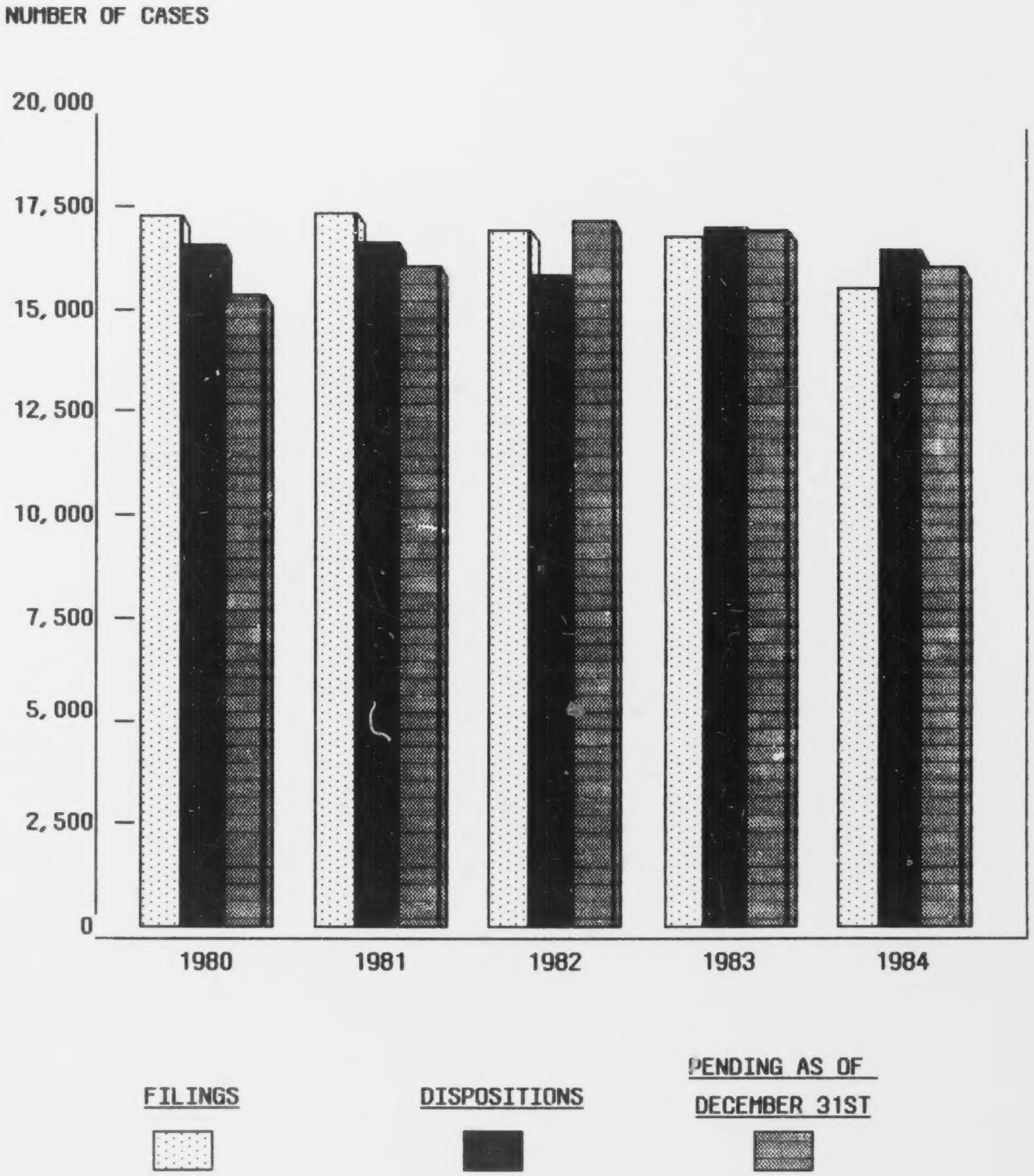

TABLE SC-2

SUPERIOR COURT
CASELOAD SUMMARY

STATE TOTAL	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	8,958	9,199	9,369	9,203	8,840	-1.3	-3.9
FILINGS	6,446	6,370	6,083	5,834	5,431	-15.7	-6.9
DISPOSITIONS	6,205	6,200	6,249	6,197	5,764	-7.1	-7.0
PENDING DECEMBER 31	9,199	9,369	9,203	8,840	8,507	-7.5	-3.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	241	170	-166	-363	-333		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	1,244	1,707	1,845	1,958	2,204	77.2	12.6
FILINGS	1,944	1,749	1,538	1,565	1,344	-30.9	-14.1
DISPOSITIONS	1,481	1,611	1,425	1,319	1,705	15.1	29.3
PENDING DECEMBER 31	1,707	1,845	1,958	2,204	1,843	8.0	-16.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	463	138	113	246	-361		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	4,458	4,440	4,836	5,985	5,874	31.8	-1.9
FILINGS	8,866	9,190	9,291	9,305	8,712	-1.7	-6.4
DISPOSITIONS	8,884	8,794	8,142	9,416	8,939	.6	-5.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	4,440	4,836	5,985	5,874	5,647	27.2	-3.9
CASELOAD CHANGE	-18	396	1149	-111	-227		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	14,660	15,346	16,050	17,146	16,918	15.4	-1.3
FILINGS	17,256	17,309	16,912	16,704	15,487	-10.3	-7.3
DISPOSITIONS	16,570	16,605	15,816	16,932	16,408	-1.0	-3.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	15,346	16,050	17,146	16,918	15,997	4.2	-5.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	686	704	1096	-228	-921		

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- All cases counted by docket number

TABLE SC-2
(con't)

SUPERIOR COURT
CASELOAD SUMMARY

ANDROSCOGGIN	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	940	976	994	977	1014	7.9	3.8
FILINGS	630	624	596	599	545	-13.5	-9.0
DISPOSITIONS	594	606	613	562	585	-1.5	4.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	976	994	977	1014	974	-.2	-3.9
CASELOAD CHANGE	36	18	-17	37	-40		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	80	105	129	151	144	80.0	-4.6
FILINGS	117	122	124	89	118	.9	32.6
DISPOSITIONS	92	98	102	96	168	82.6	75.0
PENDING DECEMBER 31	105	129	151	144	94	-10.5	-34.7
CASELOAD CHANGE	25	24	22	-7	-50		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	290	404	365	492	467	61.0	-5.1
FILINGS	553	442	689	668	697	26.0	4.3
DISPOSITIONS	439	481	562	693	668	52.2	-3.6
PENDING DECEMBER 31	404	365	492	467	496	22.8	6.2
CASELOAD CHANGE	114	-39	127	-25	29		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	1310	1485	1488	1620	1625	24.0	.3
FILINGS	1300	1188	1409	1356	1360	4.6	.3
DISPOSITIONS	1125	1185	1277	1351	1421	26.3	5.2
PENDING DECEMBER 31	1485	1488	1620	1625	1564	5.3	-3.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	175	3	132	5	-61		

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AROOSTOOK	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	528	558	506	543	545	3.2	.4
FILINGS	360	311	361	378	308	-14.4	-18.5
DISPOSITIONS	330	363	324	376	388	17.6	3.2
PENDING DECEMBER 31	558	506	543	545	465	-16.7	-14.7
CASELOAD CHANGE	30	-52	37	2	-80		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	60	23	30	23	33	-45.0	43.5
FILINGS	167	144	120	129	113	-32.3	-12.4
DISPOSITIONS	204	137	127	119	112	-45.1	-5.9
PENDING DECEMBER 31	23	30	23	33	34	47.8	3.0
CASELOAD CHANGE	-37	7	-7	10	1		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	430	440	410	386	319	-25.8	-17.4
FILINGS	673	784	649	585	408	-39.4	-30.3
DISPOSITIONS	663	814	673	652	479	-27.8	-26.5
PENDING DECEMBER 31	440	410	386	319	248	-43.6	-22.3
CASELOAD CHANGE	10	-30	-24	-67	-71		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	1018	1021	946	952	897	-11.9	-5.8
FILINGS	1200	1239	1130	1092	829	-30.9	-24.1
DISPOSITIONS	1197	1314	1124	1147	979	-18.2	-14.6
PENDING DECEMBER 31	1021	946	952	897	747	-26.8	-16.7
CASELOAD CHANGE	3	-75	6	-55	-150		

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CUMBERLAND	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	2050	2253	2413	2489	2275	11.0	-8.6
FILINGS	1577	1607	1531	1418	1333	-15.5	-6.0
DISPOSITIONS	1374	1447	1455	1632	1507	9.7	-7.7
PENDING DECEMBER 31	2253	2413	2489	2275	2101	-6.7	-7.6
CASELOAD CHANGE	203	160	76	-214	-174		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	259	360	421	388	469	81.1	20.9
FILINGS	330	283	259	273	222	-32.7	-18.7
DISPOSITIONS	229	222	292	192	399	74.2	107.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	360	421	388	469	292	-18.9	-37.7
CASELOAD CHANGE	101	61	-33	81	-177		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	786	714	1007	1199	1112	41.5	-7.3
FILINGS	1649	1949	1776	1871	1735	5.2	-7.3
DISPOSITIONS	1721	1656	1584	1958	1753	1.9	-10.5
PENDING DECEMBER 31	714	1007	1199	1112	1094	53.2	-1.6
CASELOAD CHANGE	-72	293	192	-87	-18		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	3095	3327	3841	4076	3856	24.6	-5.4
FILINGS	3556	3839	3566	3562	3290	-7.5	-7.6
DISPOSITIONS	3324	3325	3331	3782	3659	10.1	-3.3
PENDING DECEMBER 31	3327	3841	4076	3856	3487	4.8	-9.6
CASELOAD CHANGE	232	514	235	-220	-369		

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FRANKLIN	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	165	210	225	197	171	3.6	-13.2
FILINGS	157	169	135	129	106	-32.5	-17.8
DISPOSITIONS	112	154	163	155	102	-8.9	-34.2
PENDING DECEMBER 31	210	225	197	171	175	-16.7	2.3
CASELOAD CHANGE	45	15	-28	-26	4		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	14	27	36	41	48	242.9	17.1
FILINGS	42	41	47	30	29	-31.0	-3.3
DISPOSITIONS	29	32	42	23	25	-13.8	8.7
PENDING DECEMBER 31	27	36	41	48	52	92.6	8.3
CASELOAD CHANGE	13	9	5	7	4		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	134	164	171	220	192	43.3	-12.7
FILINGS	438	430	423	416	421	-3.9	1.2
DISPOSITIONS	408	423	374	444	370	-9.3	-16.7
PENDING DECEMBER 31	164	171	220	192	243	48.2	26.6
CASELOAD CHANGE	30	7	49	-28	51		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	313	401	432	458	411	31.3	-10.3
FILINGS	637	640	605	575	556	-12.7	-3.3
DISPOSITIONS	549	609	579	622	497	-9.5	-20.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	401	432	458	411	470	17.2	14.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	88	31	26	-47	59		

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HANCOCK	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	360	352	354	371	345	-4.2	-7.0
FILINGS	225	211	213	202	195	-13.3	-3.5
DISPOSITIONS	233	209	196	228	208	-10.7	-8.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	352	354	371	345	332	-5.7	-3.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	-8	2	17	-26	-13		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	40	65	57	90	69	72.5	-23.3
FILINGS	79	64	71	63	59	-25.3	-6.3
DISPOSITIONS	54	72	38	84	64	18.5	-23.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	65	57	90	69	64	-1.5	-7.2
CASELOAD CHANGE	25	-8	33	-21	-5		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	137	134	147	211	172	25.5	-18.5
FILINGS	200	213	244	230	242	21.0	5.2
DISPOSITIONS	203	200	180	269	169	-16.7	-37.2
PENDING DECEMBER 31	134	147	211	172	245	82.8	42.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	-3	13	64	-39	73		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	537	551	558	672	586	9.1	-12.8
FILINGS	504	488	528	495	496	-1.6	.2
DISPOSITIONS	490	481	414	581	441	-10.0	-24.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	551	558	672	586	641	16.3	9.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	14	7	114	-86	55		

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KENNEBEC	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	1,159	1,079	974	901	846	-27.0	-6.1
FILINGS	697	631	627	608	585	-16.1	-3.8
DISPOSITIONS	777	736	700	663	617	-20.6	-6.9
PENDING DECEMBER 31	1,079	974	901	846	814	-24.6	-3.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	-80	-105	-73	-55	-32		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	200	277	170	195	249	24.5	27.7
FILINGS	171	151	114	160	107	-37.4	-33.1
DISPOSITIONS	94	258	89	106	106	12.8	0.0
PENDING DECEMBER 31	277	170	195	249	250	-9.7	.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	77	-107	25	54	1		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	459	420	420	580	477	3.9	-17.8
FILINGS	709	696	967	840	775	9.3	-7.7
DISPOSITIONS	748	696	807	943	823	10.0	-12.7
PENDING DECEMBER 31	420	420	580	477	429	2.1	-10.1
CASELOAD CHANGE	-39	0	160	-103	-48		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	1,818	1,776	1,564	1,676	1,572	-13.5	-6.2
FILINGS	1,577	1,478	1,708	1,608	1,467	-7.0	-8.8
DISPOSITIONS	1,619	1,690	1,596	1,712	1,546	-4.5	-9.7
PENDING DECEMBER 31	1,776	1,564	1,676	1,572	1,493	-15.9	-5.0
CASELOAD CHANGE	-42	-212	112	-104	-79		

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KNOX	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	294	290	259	223	206	-29.9	-7.6
FILINGS	190	194	164	158	147	-22.6	-7.0
DISPOSITIONS	194	225	200	175	158	-18.6	-9.7
PENDING DECEMBER 31	290	259	223	206	195	-32.8	-5.3
CASELOAD CHANGE	-4	-31	-36	-17	-11		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	34	53	58	63	85	150.0	34.9
FILINGS	51	58	48	58	46	-9.8	-20.7
DISPOSITIONS	32	53	43	36	66	106.2	83.3
PENDING DECEMBER 31	53	58	63	85	65	22.6	-23.5
CASELOAD CHANGE	19	5	5	22	-20		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	161	190	170	221	274	70.2	24.0
FILINGS	380	365	382	437	582	53.2	33.2
DISPOSITIONS	351	385	331	384	505	43.9	31.5
PENDING DECEMBER 31	190	170	221	274	351	84.7	28.1
CASELOAD CHANGE	29	-20	51	53	77		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	489	533	487	507	565	15.5	11.4
FILINGS	621	617	594	653	775	24.8	18.7
DISPOSITIONS	577	663	574	595	729	26.3	22.5
PENDING DECEMBER 31	533	487	507	565	611	14.6	8.1
CASELOAD CHANGE	44	-46	20	58	46		

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LINCOLN	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	137	153	185	193	195	42.3	1.0
FILINGS	136	135	152	169	124	-8.8	-26.6
DISPOSITIONS	120	103	144	167	123	2.5	-26.3
PENDING DECEMBER 31	153	185	193	195	196	28.1	.5
CASELOAD CHANGE	16	32	8	2	1		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	23	24	35	37	39	69.6	5.4
FILINGS	30	30	21	26	25	-16.7	-3.8
DISPOSITIONS	29	19	19	24	19	-34.5	-20.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	24	35	37	39	45	87.5	15.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	1	11	2	2	6		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	71	82	100	185	302	325.4	63.2
FILINGS	228	284	272	354	311	36.4	-12.1
DISPOSITIONS	217	266	187	237	339	56.2	43.0
PENDING DECEMBER 31	82	100	185	302	274	234.1	-9.3
CASELOAD CHANGE	11	18	85	117	-28		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	231	259	320	415	536	132.0	29.2
FILINGS	394	449	445	549	460	16.8	-16.2
DISPOSITIONS	366	388	350	428	481	31.4	12.4
PENDING DECEMBER 31	259	320	415	536	515	98.8	-3.9
CASELOAD CHANGE	28	61	95	121	-21		

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OXFORD	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	263	250	273	267	259	-1.5	-3.0
FILINGS	212	199	208	171	172	-18.9	.6
DISPOSITIONS	225	176	214	179	152	-32.4	-15.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	250	273	267	259	279	11.6	7.7
CASELOAD CHANGE	-13	23	-6	-8	20		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	55	62	70	85	100	81.8	17.6
FILINGS	98	76	76	62	57	-41.8	-8.1
DISPOSITIONS	91	68	61	47	57	-37.4	21.3
PENDING DECEMBER 31	62	70	85	100	100	61.3	0.0
CASELOAD CHANGE	7	8	15	15	0		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	163	189	202	322	337	106.7	4.7
FILINGS	326	313	441	343	275	-15.6	-19.8
DISPOSITIONS	300	300	321	328	318	6.0	-3.0
PENDING DECEMBER 31	189	202	322	337	294	55.6	-12.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	26	13	120	15	-43		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	481	501	545	674	696	44.7	3.3
FILINGS	636	588	725	576	504	-20.8	-12.5
DISPOSITIONS	616	544	596	554	527	-14.4	-4.9
PENDING DECEMBER 31	501	545	674	696	673	34.3	-3.3
CASELOAD CHANGE	20	44	129	22	-23		

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PENOBSCOT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	1063	1041	1091	930	917	-13.7	-1.4
FILINGS	718	693	645	607	594	-17.3	-2.1
DISPOSITIONS	740	643	806	620	602	-18.6	-2.9
PENDING DECEMBER 31	1041	1091	930	917	909	-12.7	-.9
CASELOAD CHANGE	-22	50	-161	-13	-8		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	221	277	369	385	411	86.0	6.8
FILINGS	243	243	204	203	167	-31.3	-17.7
DISPOSITIONS	187	151	188	177	168	-10.2	-5.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	277	369	385	411	410	48.0	-.2
CASELOAD CHANGE	56	92	16	26	-1		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	449	432	388	378	414	-7.8	9.5
FILINGS	850	695	758	789	712	-16.2	-9.8
DISPOSITIONS	867	739	768	753	819	-5.5	8.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	432	388	378	414	307	-28.9	-25.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	-17	-44	-10	36	-107		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	1,733	1750	1848	1693	1742	.5	2.9
FILINGS	1,811	1631	1607	1599	1473	-18.7	-7.9
DISPOSITIONS	1,794	1533	1762	1550	1589	-11.4	2.5
PENDING DECEMBER 31	1,750	1848	1693	1742	1626	-7.1	-6.7
CASELOAD CHANGE	17	98	-155	49	-116		

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PISCATAQUIS	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	61	64	57	50	71	16.4	42.0
FILINGS	50	49	41	49	30	-40.0	-38.8
DISPOSITIONS	47	56	48	28	40	-14.9	42.9
PENDING DECEMBER 31	64	57	50	71	61	-4.7	-14.1
CASELOAD CHANGE	3	-7	-7	21	-10		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	19	43	19	26	31	63.2	19.2
FILINGS	36	33	31	29	32	-11.1	10.3
DISPOSITIONS	12	57	24	24	15	25.0	-37.5
PENDING DECEMBER 31	43	19	26	31	48	11.6	54.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	24	-24	7	5	17		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	72	122	94	99	119	65.3	20.2
FILINGS	135	113	152	133	110	-18.5	-17.3
DISPOSITIONS	85	141	147	113	93	9.4	-17.7
PENDING DECEMBER 31	122	94	99	119	136	11.5	14.3
CASELOAD CHANGE	50	-28	5	20	17		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	152	229	170	175	221	45.4	26.3
FILINGS	221	195	224	211	172	-22.2	-18.5
DISPOSITIONS	144	254	219	165	148	2.8	-10.3
PENDING DECEMBER 31	229	170	175	221	245	7.0	10.9
CASELOAD CHANGE	77	-59	5	46	24		

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SAGADAHOC	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	199	198	202	188	200	.5	6.4
FILINGS	135	137	110	139	141	4.4	1.4
DISPOSITIONS	136	133	124	127	108	-20.6	-15.0
PENDING DECEMBER 31	198	202	188	200	233	17.7	16.5
CASELOAD CHANGE	-1	4	-14	12	33		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	41	66	73	73	94	129.3	28.8
FILINGS	62	55	40	56	36	-41.9	-35.7
DISPOSITIONS	37	48	40	35	68	83.8	94.3
PENDING DECEMBER 31	66	73	73	94	62	-6.1	-34.0
CASELOAD CHANGE	25	7	0	21	-32		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	61	123	107	158	260	326.2	64.6
FILINGS	304	251	254	295	296	-2.6	.3
DISPOSITIONS	242	267	203	193	363	50.0	88.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	123	107	158	260	193	56.9	-25.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	62	-16	51	102	-67		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	301	387	382	419	554	84.1	32.2
FILINGS	501	443	404	490	473	-5.6	-3.5
DISPOSITIONS	415	448	367	355	539	29.9	51.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	387	382	419	554	488	26.1	-11.9
CASELOAD CHANGE	86	-5	37	135	-66		

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SOMERSET	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	323	325	349	346	310	-4.0	-10.4
FILINGS	271	316	291	247	243	-10.3	-1.6
DISPOSITIONS	269	292	294	283	226	-16.0	-20.1
PENDING DECEMBER 31	325	349	346	310	327	.6	5.5
CASELOAD CHANGE	2	24	-3	-36	17		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	38	48	42	57	58	52.6	1.8
FILINGS	104	68	93	82	64	-38.5	-22.0
DISPOSITIONS	94	74	78	81	78	-17.0	-3.7
PENDING DECEMBER 31	48	42	57	58	44	-8.3	-24.1
CASELOAD CHANGE	10	-6	15	1	-14		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	348	292	337	395	349	.3	-11.6
FILINGS	976	1017	767	815	806	-17.4	-1.1
DISPOSITIONS	1032	972	709	861	733	-29.0	-14.9
PENDING DECEMBER 31	292	337	395	349	422	44.5	20.9
CASELOAD CHANGE	-56	45	58	-46	73		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	709	665	728	798	717	1.1	-10.2
FILINGS	1351	1401	1151	1144	1113	-17.6	-2.7
DISPOSITIONS	1395	1338	1081	1225	1037	-25.7	-15.3
PENDING DECEMBER 31	665	728	798	717	793	19.2	10.6
CASELOAD CHANGE	-44	63	70	-81	76		

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WASHINGTON	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	260	265	216	211	216	-16.9	2.4
FILINGS	178	167	122	121	133	-25.3	9.9
DISPOSITIONS	173	216	127	116	125	-27.7	7.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	265	216	211	216	224	-15.5	3.7
CASELOAD CHANGE	5	-49	-5	5	8		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	35	60	71	66	61	74.3	-7.6
FILINGS	70	75	59	74	62	-11.4	-16.2
DISPOSITIONS	45	64	64	79	67	48.9	-15.2
PENDING DECEMBER 31	60	71	66	61	56	-6.7	-8.2
CASELOAD CHANGE	25	11	-5	-5	-5		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	187	120	155	217	210	12.3	-3.2
FILINGS	183	232	209	321	282	54.1	-12.1
DISPOSITIONS	250	197	147	328	263	5.2	-19.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	120	155	217	210	229	90.8	9.0
CASELOAD CHANGE	-67	35	62	-7	19		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	482	445	442	494	487	1.0	-1.4
FILINGS	431	474	390	516	477	10.7	-7.6
DISPOSITIONS	468	477	338	523	455	-2.8	-13.0
PENDING DECEMBER 31	445	442	494	487	509	14.4	4.5
CASELOAD CHANGE	-37	-3	52	-7	22		

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SUPERIOR COURT
CASELOAD SUMMARY

WALDO	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	215	207	183	144	117	-45.6	-18.8
FILINGS	130	117	96	85	108	-16.9	27.1
DISPOSITIONS	138	141	135	112	83	-39.9	-25.9
PENDING DECEMBER 31	207	183	144	117	142	-31.4	21.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	-8	-24	-39	-27	25		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	16	43	41	37	41	156.2	10.8
FILINGS	59	51	36	51	45	-23.7	-11.8
DISPOSITIONS	32	53	40	47	51	59.4	8.5
PENDING DECEMBER 31	43	41	37	41	35	-18.6	-14.6
CASELOAD CHANGE	27	-2	-4	4	-6		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	168	113	127	176	230	36.9	30.7
FILINGS	137	219	235	268	245	78.8	-8.6
DISPOSITIONS	192	205	186	214	309	60.9	44.4
PENDING DECEMBER 31	113	127	176	230	166	46.9	-27.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	-55	14	49	54	-64		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	399	363	351	357	388	-2.8	8.7
FILINGS	326	387	367	404	398	22.1	-1.5
DISPOSITIONS	362	399	361	373	443	22.4	18.8
PENDING DECEMBER 31	363	351	357	388	343	-5.5	-11.6
CASELOAD CHANGE	-36	-12	6	31	-45		

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  - All cases counted by docket number

SUPERIOR COURT
CASELOAD SUMMARY

YORK	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
CIVIL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	941	978	1088	1173	1153	22.5	-1.7
FILINGS	780	810	791	754	667	-14.5	-11.5
DISPOSITIONS	743	700	706	774	740	-.4	-4.4
PENDING DECEMBER 31	978	1088	1173	1153	1080	10.4	-6.3
CASELOAD CHANGE	37	110	85	-20	-73		
URESA:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	109	174	224	241	272	149.5	12.9
FILINGS	285	255	195	180	162	-43.2	-10.0
DISPOSITIONS	220	205	178	149	242	10.0	62.4
PENDING DECEMBER 31	174	224	241	272	192	10.3	-29.4
CASELOAD CHANGE	65	50	17	31	-80		
CRIMINAL:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	542	501	636	746	640	18.1	-14.2
FILINGS	1125	1187	1073	940	815	-27.6	-13.3
DISPOSITIONS	1166	1052	963	1046	935	-19.8	-10.6
PENDING DECEMBER 31	501	636	746	640	520	3.8	-18.8
CASELOAD CHANGE	-41	135	110	-106	-120		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
PENDING JANUARY 1	1592	1653	1948	2160	2065	29.7	-4.4
FILINGS	2190	2252	2059	1874	1644	-24.9	-12.3
DISPOSITIONS	2129	1957	1847	1969	1917	-10.0	-2.6
PENDING DECEMBER 31	1653	1948	2160	2065	1792	8.4	-13.2
CASELOAD CHANGE	61	295	212	-95	-273		

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SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL, URESA, CRIMINAL
PERCENT OF TOTAL CASELOAD*

	1980			1984		
	CIVIL	URESA	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	URESA	CRIMINAL
ANDROSCOGGIN	48.5	9.0	42.5	40.1	8.7	51.3
AROOSTOOK	30.0	13.9	56.1	37.2	13.6	49.2
CUMBERLAND	44.3	9.3	46.4	40.5	6.7	52.7
FRANKLIN	24.6	6.6	68.8	19.1	5.2	75.7
HANCOCK	44.6	15.7	39.7	39.3	11.9	48.8
KENNEBEC	44.2	10.8	45.0	39.9	7.3	52.8
KNOX	30.6	8.2	61.2	19.0	5.9	75.1
LINCOLN	34.5	7.6	57.9	27.0	5.4	67.6
OXFORD	33.3	15.4	51.3	34.1	11.3	54.6
PENOBSCOT	39.6	13.4	46.9	40.3	11.3	48.3
PISCATAQUIS	22.6	16.3	61.1	17.4	18.6	64.0
SAGADAHOC	26.9	12.4	60.7	29.8	7.6	62.6
SOMERSET	20.1	7.7	72.2	21.8	5.8	72.4
WALDO	39.9	18.1	42.0	27.1	11.3	61.6
WASHINGTON	41.3	16.2	42.5	27.9	13.0	59.1
YORK	35.6	13.0	51.4	40.5	9.9	49.6
STATE TOTAL	37.4	11.3	51.4	35.1	8.7	56.3

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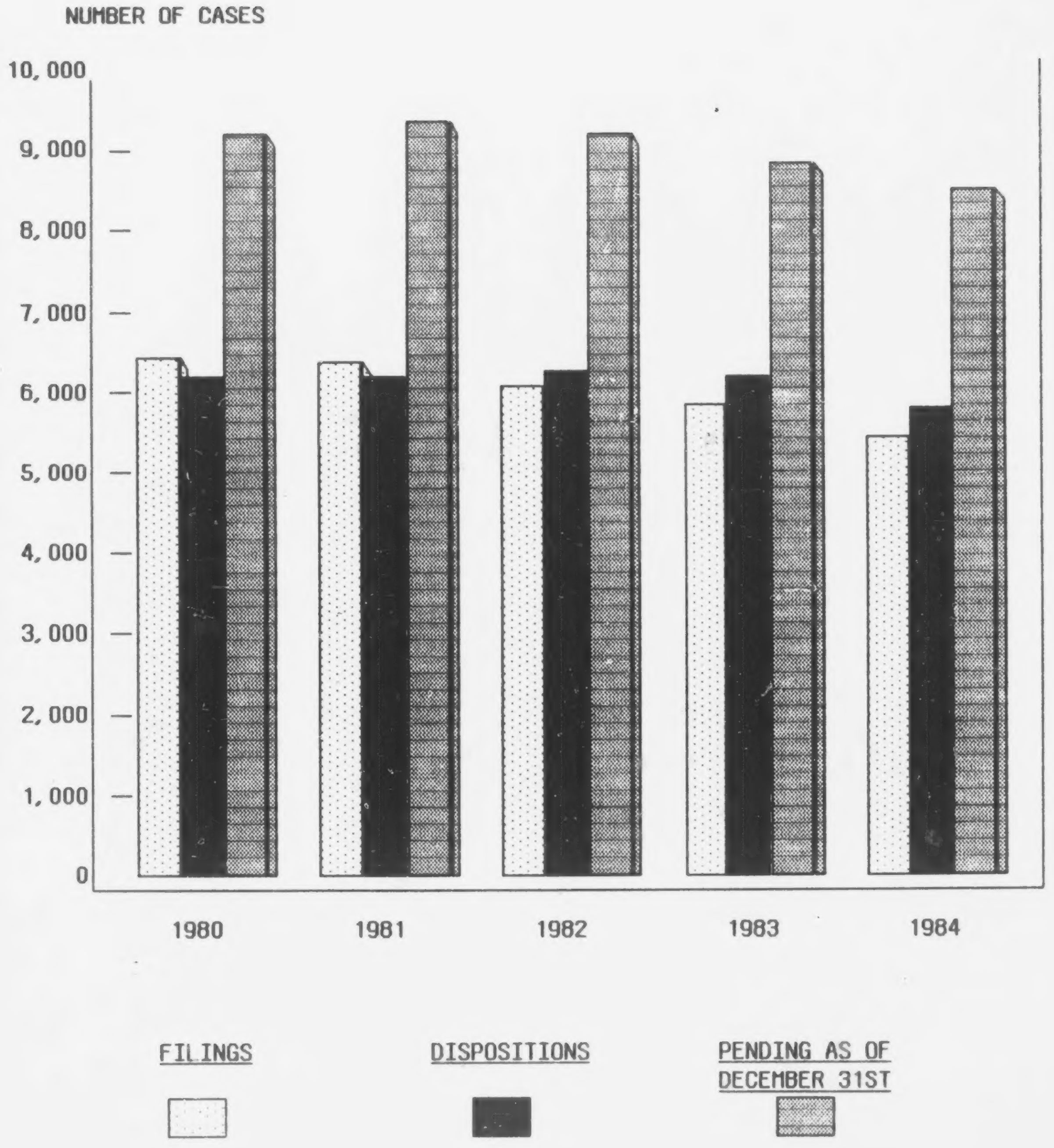
CIVIL CASELOAD



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SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL FILINGS SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	630	624	596	599	545	-13.5	-9.0
AROOSTOOK	360	311	361	378	308	-14.4	-18.5
CUMBERLAND	1,577	1,607	1,531	1,418	1,333	-15.5	-6.0
FRANKLIN	157	169	135	129	106	-32.5	-17.8
HANCOCK	225	211	213	202	195	-13.3	-3.5
KENNEBEC	697	631	627	608	585	-16.1	-3.8
KNOX	190	194	164	158	147	-22.6	-7.0
LINCOLN	136	135	152	169	124	-8.8	-26.6
OXFORD	212	199	208	171	172	-18.9	.6
PENOBSCOT	718	693	645	607	594	-17.3	-2.1
PISCATAQUIS	50	49	41	49	30	-40.0	-38.8
SAGADAHOC	135	137	110	139	141	4.4	1.4
SOMERSET	271	316	291	247	243	-10.3	-1.6
WALDO	130	117	96	85	108	-16.9	27.1
WASHINGTON	178	167	122	121	133	-25.3	9.9
YORK	780	810	791	754	667	-14.5	-11.5
STATE TOTAL	6,446	6,370	6,083	5,834	5,431	-15.7	-6.9

* Includes cases filed and refiled

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SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DISPOSITIONS SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	594	606	613	562	585	-1.5	4.1
AROOSTOOK	330	363	324	376	388	17.6	3.2
CUMBERLAND	1,374	1,447	1,455	1,632	1,507	9.7	-7.7
FRANKLIN	112	154	163	155	102	-8.9	-34.2
HANCOCK	233	209	196	228	208	-10.7	-8.8
KENNEBEC	777	736	700	663	617	-20.6	-6.9
KNOX	194	225	200	175	158	-18.6	-9.7
LINCOLN	120	103	144	167	123	2.5	-26.3
OXFORD	225	176	214	179	152	-32.4	-15.1
PENOBSCOT	740	643	806	620	602	-18.6	-2.9
PISCATAQUIS	47	56	48	28	40	-14.9	42.9
SAGADAHOC	136	133	124	127	108	-20.6	-15.0
SOMERSET	269	292	294	283	226	-16.0	-20.1
WALDO	138	141	135	112	83	-39.9	-25.9
WASHINGTON	173	216	127	116	125	-27.7	7.8
YORK	743	700	706	774	740	-.4	-4.4
STATE TOTAL	6,205	6,200	6,249	6,197	5,764	-7.1	-7.0

* Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled

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SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL PENDING CASELOAD SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	976	994	977	1,014	974	-.2	-3.9
AROOSTOOK	558	506	543	545	465	-16.7	-14.7
CUMBERLAND	2,253	2,413	2,489	2,275	2,101	-6.7	-7.6
FRANKLIN	210	225	197	171	175	-16.7	2.3
HANCOCK	352	354	371	345	332	-5.7	-3.8
KENNEBEC	1,079	974	901	846	814	-24.6	-3.8
KNOX	290	259	223	206	195	-32.8	-5.3
LINCOLN	153	185	193	195	196	28.1	.5
OXFORD	250	273	267	259	279	11.6	7.7
PENOBSCOT	1,041	1,091	930	917	909	-12.7	-.9
PISCATAQUIS	64	57	50	71	61	-4.7	-14.1
SAGADAHOC	198	202	188	200	233	17.7	16.5
SOMERSET	325	349	346	310	327	.6	5.5
WALDO	207	183	144	117	142	-31.4	21.4
WASHINGTON	265	216	211	216	224	-15.5	3.7
YORK	978	1,088	1,173	1,153	1,080	10.4	-6.3
STATE TOTAL	9,199	9,369	9,203	8,840	8,507	-7.5	-3.8

* Includes cases filed and refiled

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
STATE TOTAL	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
DAMAGES	1,091	874	937	1,057	903	959	924	875	964	892
PERSONAL INJURY	985	1,054	1,097	1,198	1,180	874	925	1,049	1,065	1,062
CONTRACT	1,349	1,459	1,499	1,222	1,103	1,328	1,372	1,497	1,379	1,323
DIVORCE	481	539	451	407	361	474	526	485	426	389
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	30	43	41	25	35	34	34	41	30	32
HABEAS CORPUS	51	23	12	8	11	72	46	24	6	10
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	183	279	226	274	227	212	256	245	252	242
OTHER	2,276	2,099	1,820	1,643	1,611	2,252	2,117	2,033	2,075	1,814
TOTAL	6,446	6,370	6,083	5,834	5,431	6,205	6,200	6,249	6,197	5,764

PERCENTAGE OF CIVIL FILINGS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
DAMAGES	16.9	13.7	15.4	18.1	16.6
PERSONAL INJURY	15.3	16.6	18.0	20.5	21.7
CONTRACT	20.9	22.9	24.6	21.0	20.3
DIVORCE	7.5	8.5	7.4	7.0	6.7
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	.5	.7	.7	.4	.6
HABEAS CORPUS	.8	.4	.2	.1	.2
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	2.8	4.4	3.7	4.7	4.2
OTHER	35.3	33.0	29.9	28.2	29.7
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSTIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

COURT	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	FILINGS 1984	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1984
ANDROSCOGGIN										
DAMAGES	122	80	96	82	86	144	98	92	88	90
PERSONAL INJURY	156	131	160	165	186	117	128	162	129	147
CONTRACT	114	156	119	115	92	119	141	129	125	104
DIVORCE	31	26	25	22	29	30	31	28	17	33
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	2
HABEAS CORPUS	2	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	1	1
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	11	15	7	20	20	9	16	12	16	17
OTHER	193	216	188	193	131	169	191	189	196	191
TOTAL	630	624	596	599	545	594	606	613	562	585
AROOSTOOK										
DAMAGES	80	92	115	115	96	67	79	92	110	102
PERSONAL INJURY	101	81	84	91	90	64	85	77	94	97
CONTRACT	32	46	106	111	61	42	52	64	80	108
DIVORCE	7	12	10	11	14	14	14	10	8	13
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
HABEAS CORPUS	1	1	0	0	3	5	3	0	0	1
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	5	2	10	10	12	12	7	7	15	10
OTHER	134	76	36	40	32	126	123	73	69	57
TOTAL	360	311	361	378	308	330	363	324	376	388
CUMBERLAND										
DAMAGES	401	235	268	316	348	252	259	242	299	282
PERSONAL INJURY	147	219	220	217	195	164	176	200	216	200
CONTRACT	381	377	375	254	215	325	357	339	331	328
DIVORCE	177	175	151	169	128	121	151	145	173	167
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	9	11	12	9	9	8	9	6	17	9
HABEAS CORPUS	10	6	1	1	2	13	8	4	2	0
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	23	64	53	73	55	35	62	46	54	66
OTHER	429	520	451	379	381	456	425	473	540	453
TOTAL	1,577	1,607	1,531	1,418	1,333	1,374	1,447	1,455	1,632	1,505
FRANKLIN										
DAMAGES	15	15	4	14	11	13	22	10	17	9
PERSONAL INJURY	20	19	22	22	19	11	14	21	19	21
CONTRACT	45	51	28	21	31	25	51	46	29	30
DIVORCE	26	44	29	18	16	26	30	46	18	10
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	1	2	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	1
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	13	1	6	13	8	4	9	5	15	4
OTHER	37	37	45	38	20	33	25	34	57	26
TOTAL	157	169	135	129	106	112	154	113	155	102

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SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
HANCOCK										
DAMAGES	37	46	16	37	21	23	31	30	27	28
PERSONAL INJURY	31	29	38	34	43	32	22	25	38	35
CONTRACT	47	43	71	49	47	55	54	47	56	59
DIVORCE	13	26	18	17	14	19	20	25	14	17
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
HABEAS CORPUS	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	0
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	8	13	3	6	1	8	9	5	7	4
OTHER	86	52	67	59	67	90	71	64	84	65
TOTAL	225	211	213	202	195	233	209	196	228	208
KENNEBEC										
DAMAGES	52	46	52	65	45	108	74	58	55	39
PERSONAL INJURY	79	72	56	94	78	94	93	86	86	80
CONTRACT	128	122	118	66	69	159	152	126	121	93
DIVORCE	21	24	23	23	14	25	23	19	30	16
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	4	0	0	1	5	1	4	0	0	4
HABEAS CORPUS	5	1	0	0	0	3	11	2	0	0
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	7	25	36	24	21	25	14	40	21	28
OTHER	401	341	342	335	353	362	365	369	350	357
TOTAL	697	631	627	608	585	777	736	700	663	617
KNOX										
DAMAGES	40	45	30	38	25	33	38	37	37	31
PERSONAL INJURY	30	22	31	26	27	30	39	30	22	25
CONTRACT	55	44	35	23	33	53	56	51	35	42
DIVORCE	6	8	6	13	8	10	6	10	9	9
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	0	5	2	2	1	3	4	3	2	1
HABEAS CORPUS	5	3	3	1	0	7	6	5	0	1
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	8	11	6	16	11	13	11	9	9	14
OTHER	46	56	49	39	42	45	65	55	61	35
TOTAL	190	194	164	158	147	194	225	200	175	158
LINCOLN										
DAMAGES	34	27	24	42	14	18	24	22	37	30
PERSONAL INJURY	19	19	24	26	30	19	14	16	23	15
CONTRACT	21	24	25	44	40	20	17	21	35	38
DIVORCE	7	4	4	3	7	8	6	6	4	3
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	0	2	3	2	1	1	0	3	2	0
HABEAS CORPUS	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	5	11	11	6	2	7	5	10	11	2
OTHER	48	48	61	46	30	45	36	66	55	35
TOTAL	136	135	152	169	124	120	103	144	167	123

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CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
OXFORD										
DAMAGES	21	14	32	57	40	34	19	25	22	37
PERSONAL INJURY	30	36	48	24	36	26	23	32	38	33
CONTRACT	56	46	52	33	50	59	42	58	46	31
DIVORCE	21	19	13	17	9	19	22	16	14	12
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	1	0	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	1
HABEAS CORPUS	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	21	23	11	6	10	10	16	25	9	7
OTHER	60	61	52	34	23	71	54	56	50	30
TOTAL	212	199	208	171	172	225	176	214	179	152
PENOBSCOT										
DAMAGES	100	71	86	72	80	70	86	85	66	66
PERSONAL INJURY	138	168	143	168	144	143	128	169	156	129
CONTRACT	214	164	145	181	146	217	172	224	162	169
DIVORCE	24	25	42	28	34	43	34	36	27	30
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	1	10	6	4	5	2	4	8	3	8
HABEAS CORPUS	10	3	7	1	1	14	4	10	1	1
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	28	27	30	36	20	26	25	29	34	29
OTHER	203	225	186	117	164	225	190	245	171	170
TOTAL	718	693	645	607	594	740	643	806	620	602
PISCATAQUIS										
DAMAGES	2	2	11	4	6	6	5	4	1	8
PERSONAL INJURY	13	6	5	16	9	4	8	9	3	7
CONTRACT	11	7	7	10	7	9	11	9	5	11
DIVORCE	3	5	3	3	1	1	5	4	0	3
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	3	9	3	6	0	6	7	4	7	0
OTHER	18	19	10	10	4	20	18	17	11	8
TOTAL	50	49	41	49	30	47	56	48	28	40
SAGADAHOC										
DAMAGES	14	16	7	11	10	19	13	9	13	9
PERSONAL INJURY	34	32	24	43	35	28	35	23	31	29
CONTRACT	41	23	21	14	29	42	30	33	23	22
DIVORCE	6	11	8	4	8	8	11	4	8	6
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	2	5	7	2	0	1	4	9	0	3
HABEAS CORPUS	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	5	6	4	4	4	7	6	4	3	2
OTHER	32	44	39	61	55	30	34	41	49	37
TOTAL	135	137	110	139	141	136	133	124	127	108

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CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
SOMERSET										
DAMAGES	44	36	46	20	23	56	47	43	37	25
PERSONAL INJURY	43	50	55	58	61	32	38	49	47	61
CONTRACT	71	113	80	100	68	57	73	94	97	74
DIVORCE	78	93	83	41	46	82	100	81	67	34
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HABEAS CORPUS	6	4	0	0	2	10	4	1	0	1
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	0	0	0	9	8	5	1	0	6	6
OTHER	29	20	27	19	35	27	29	26	29	25
TOTAL	271	316	291	247	243	269	292	294	283	226
WALDO										
DAMAGES	17	22	24	12	7	13	26	18	21	18
PERSONAL INJURY	16	18	22	21	29	22	19	21	19	16
CONTRACT	39	24	28	25	36	40	29	44	21	25
DIVORCE	10	9	0	5	3	7	10	5	5	2
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HABEAS CORPUS	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	4	2	4	2	4	3	4	3	3	5
OTHER	44	41	18	20	29	53	52	44	43	17
TOTAL	130	117	96	85	108	138	141	135	112	83
WASHINGTON										
DAMAGES	13	18	6	17	10	13	18	14	15	9
PERSONAL INJURY	24	22	22	32	39	25	31	12	23	25
CONTRACT	45	30	35	18	25	48	49	30	28	24
DIVORCE	9	10	5	7	6	14	17	10	4	7
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
HABEAS CORPUS	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	6	14	5	8	11	7	15	7	4	11
OTHER	80	72	49	39	42	65	83	54	42	49
TOTAL	178	167	122	121	133	173	216	127	116	125
YORK										
DAMAGES	99	109	120	155	81	90	85	94	119	109
PERSONAL INJURY	104	130	143	161	159	63	72	117	121	142
CONTRACT	49	189	254	158	154	58	86	182	185	165
DIVORCE	42	48	31	26	24	47	46	40	28	27
TRAFFIC INFRACTION APPEAL	10	5	8	3	5	10	3	7	5	1
HABEAS CORPUS	4	2	0	2	1	5	3	0	0	2
APPEALS FROM DIST. COURT	36	56	35	35	40	35	49	39	38	37
OTHER	436	271	200	214	203	435	356	227	276	257
TOTAL	780	810	791	754	667	743	700	706	774	740

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SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
STATE TOTAL				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	197	3.2	144	2.5
RULE 41(a)	2,821	45.5	2,765	48.0
RULE 41(b)	783	12.6	694	12.0
DISMISSAL	206	3.3	241	4.2
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	346	5.6	298	5.2
FINAL ORDER	374	6.0	360	6.2
DIVORCE DECREE	302	4.9	271	4.7
APPEAL SUSTAINED	51	.8	42	.7
APPEAL DENIED	209	3.4	199	3.5
WRIT DENIED	1	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	1	0.0	1	0.0
COURT FINDING	122	2.0	125	2.2
JURY VERDICT	166	2.7	159	2.8
DIRECTED VERDICT	12	.2	8	.1
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	41	.7	16	.3
OTHER	565	9.1	441	7.7
TOTAL	6,197	100.0	5,764	100.0

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
ANDROSCOGGIN				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	34	6.0	29	5.0
RULE 41(a)	291	51.8	316	54.0
RULE 41(b)	75	13.3	57	9.7
DISMISSAL	11	2.0	17	2.9
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	33	5.9	52	8.9
FINAL ORDER	1	.2	0	0.0
DIVORCE DECREE	9	1.6	24	4.1
APPEAL SUSTAINED	2	.4	2	.3
APPEAL DENIED	8	1.4	10	1.7
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	1	.2
COURT FINDING	8	1.4	9	1.5
JURY VERDICT	15	2.7	10	1.7
DIRECTED VERDICT	0	0.0	1	.2
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	2	.4	1	.2
OTHER	73	13.0	56	9.6
TOTAL	562	100.0	585	100.0

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
AROOSTOOK				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	6	1.6	6	1.5
RULE 41(a)	187	49.7	205	52.8
RULE 41(b)	45	12.0	62	16.0
DISMISSAL	4	1.1	0	0.0
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	21	5.6	17	4.4
FINAL ORDER	53	14.1	41	10.6
DIVORCE DECREE	7	1.9	8	2.1
APPEAL SUSTAINED	0	0.0	0	0.0
APPEAL DENIED	3	.8	4	1.0
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	11	2.9	16	4.1
JURY VERDICT	19	5.1	16	4.1
DIRECTED VERDICT	2	.5	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	3	.8	2	.5
OTHER	15	4.0	11	2.8
TOTAL	376	100.0	388	100.0

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
CUMBERLAND				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	52	3.2	34	2.3
RULE 41(a)	682	41.8	699	46.4
RULE 41(b)	214	13.1	198	13.1
DISMISSAL	85	5.2	64	4.2
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	72	4.4	56	3.7
FINAL ORDER	85	5.2	98	6.5
DIVORCE DECREE	122	7.5	120	8.0
APPEAL SUSTAINED	29	1.8	21	1.4
APPEAL DENIED	71	4.4	72	4.8
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	1	1	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	9	.6	5	.3
JURY VERDICT	42	2.6	36	2.4
DIRECTED VERDICT	0	0.0	1	.1
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	3	.2	7	.5
OTHER	165	10.1	96	6.4
TOTAL	1,632	100.0	1,507	100.0
FRANKLIN				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	4	2.6	2	2.0
RULE 41(a)	63	40.6	57	55.9
RULE 41(b)	17	11.0	4	3.9
DISMISSAL	6	3.9	2	2.0
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	16	10.3	7	6.9
FINAL ORDER	0	0.0	1	1.0
DIVORCE DECREE	10	6.5	8	7.8
APPEAL SUSTAINED	5	3.2	2	2.0
APPEAL DENIED	10	6.5	4	3.9
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	3	1.9	3	2.9
JURY VERDICT	4	2.6	3	2.9
DIRECTED VERDICT	0	0.0	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	4	2.6	0	0.0
OTHER	13	8.4	9	8.8
TOTAL	155	100.0	102	100.0

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
HANCOCK				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	3	1.3	3	1.4
RULE 41(a)	95	41.7	80	38.5
RULE 41(b)	33	14.5	34	16.3
DISMISSAL	8	3.5	5	2.4
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	13	5.7	7	3.4
FINAL ORDER	4	1.8	0	0.0
DIVORCE DECREE	12	5.3	12	5.8
APPEAL SUSTAINED	3	1.3	3	1.4
APPEAL DENIED	7	3.1	9	4.3
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	9	3.9	10	4.8
JURY VERDICT	5	2.2	8	3.8
DIRECTED VERDICT	2	.9	1	.5
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	34	14.9	36	17.3
TOTAL	228	100.0	208	100.0
KENNEBEC				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	17	2.6	13	2.1
RULE 41(a)	267	40.3	260	42.1
RULE 41(b)	80	12.1	79	12.8
DISMISSAL	19	2.9	37	6.0
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	46	6.9	23	3.7
FINAL ORDER	93	14.0	81	13.1
DIVORCE DECREE	23	3.5	12	1.9
APPEAL SUSTAINED	8	1.2	7	1.1
APPEAL DENIED	29	4.4	33	5.3
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	20	3.0	5	.8
JURY VERDICT	12	1.8	19	3.1
DIRECTED VERDICT	0	0.0	2	.3
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	18	2.7	2	.3
OTHER	31	4.7	44	7.1
TOTAL	663	100.0	617	100.0

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
KNOX				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	2	1.1	4	2.5
RULE 41(a)	78	44.6	70	44.3
RULE 41(b)	19	10.9	13	8.2
DISMISSAL	13	7.4	8	5.1
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	4	2.3	7	4.4
FINAL ORDER	1	.6	0	0.0
DIVORCE DECREE	5	2.9	6	3.8
APPEAL SUSTAINED	0	0.0	1	.6
APPEAL DENIED	5	2.9	9	5.7
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	6	3.4	2	1.3
JURY VERDICT	5	2.9	11	7.0
DIRECTED VERDICT	0	0.0	1	.6
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	5	2.9	2	1.3
OTHER	32	18.3	24	15.2
TOTAL	175	100.0	158	100.0

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
LINCOLN				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	4	2.4	0	0.0
RULE 41(a)	91	54.5	76	61.8
RULE 41(b)	8	4.8	12	9.8
DISMISSAL	9	5.4	5	4.1
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	27	16.2	14	11.4
FINAL ORDER	1	.6	0	0.0
DIVORCE DECREE	4	2.4	2	1.6
APPEAL SUSTAINED	1	.6	0	0.0
APPEAL DENIED	8	4.8	4	3.3
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	4	2.4	4	3.3
JURY VERDICT	9	5.4	4	3.3
DIRECTED VERDICT	0	0.0	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	0	0.0	1	.8
OTHER	1	.6	1	.8
TOTAL	167	100.0	123	100.0

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
OXFORD				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	2	1.1	3	2.0
RULE 41(a)	81	45.3	82	53.9
RULE 41(b)	17	9.5	9	5.9
DISMISSAL	5	2.8	7	4.6
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	11	6.1	11	7.2
FINAL ORDER	30	16.8	14	9.2
DIVORCE DECREE	10	5.6	10	6.6
APPEAL SUSTAINED	0	0.0	0	0.0
APPEAL DENIED	4	2.2	5	3.3
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	2	1.1	1	.7
JURY VERDICT	7	3.9	6	3.9
DIRECTED VERDICT	1	.6	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	9	5.0	4	2.6
TOTAL	179	100.0	152	100.0
PENOBSCOT				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	21	3.4	16	2.7
RULE 41(a)	358	57.7	317	52.7
RULE 41(b)	72	11.6	83	13.8
DISMISSAL	16	2.6	22	3.7
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	22	3.5	31	5.1
FINAL ORDER	4	.6	13	2.2
DIVORCE DECREE	18	2.9	15	2.5
APPEAL SUSTAINED	1	.2	3	.5
APPEAL DENIED	15	2.4	26	4.3
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	20	3.2	16	2.7
JURY VERDICT	10	1.6	11	1.8
DIRECTED VERDICT	3	.5	1	.2
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	1	.2	1	.2
OTHER	59	9.5	47	7.8
TOTAL	620	100.0	602	100.0

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
PISCATAQUIS				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	1	3.6	0	0.0
RULE 41(a)	10	35.7	23	57.5
RULE 41(b)	1	3.6	3	7.5
DISMISSAL	0	0.0	2	5.0
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	1	3.6	3	7.5
FINAL ORDER	0	0.0	1	2.5
DIVORCE DECREE	0	0.0	3	7.5
APPEAL SUSTAINED	1	3.6	0	0.0
APPEAL DENIED	3	10.7	0	0.0
WRIT DENIED	1	3.6	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	2	7.1	1	2.5
JURY VERDICT	0	0.0	0	0.0
DIRECTED VERDICT	0	0.0	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	8	28.6	4	10.0
TOTAL	28	100.0	40	100.0

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
SAGADAHOC				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	3	2.4	3	2.8
RULE 41(a)	65	51.2	48	44.4
RULE 41(b)	10	7.9	14	13.0
DISMISSAL	2	1.6	3	2.8
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	4	3.1	9	8.3
FINAL ORDER	6	4.7	4	3.7
DIVORCE DECREE	6	4.7	3	2.8
APPEAL SUSTAINED	1	.8	0	0.0
APPEAL DENIED	7	5.5	3	2.8
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	5	3.9	5	4.6
JURY VERDICT	7	5.5	4	3.7
DIRECTED VERDICT	0	0.0	1	.9
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	11	8.7	11	10.2
TOTAL	127	100.0	108	100.0

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CIVIL DISPOSITIONS
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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
SOMERSET				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	10	3.5	8	3.5
RULE 41(a)	114	40.3	105	46.5
RULE 41(b)	13	4.6	1	.4
DISMISSAL	5	1.8	14	6.2
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	16	5.7	7	3.1
FINAL ORDER	36	12.7	46	20.4
DIVORCE DECREE	52	18.4	25	11.1
APPEAL SUSTAINED	0	0.0	1	.4
APPEAL DENIED	10	3.5	2	.9
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	7	2.5	9	4.0
JURY VERDICT	13	4.6	5	2.2
DIRECTED VERDICT	1	.4	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	3	1.1	0	0.0
OTHER	3	1.1	3	1.3
TOTAL	283	100.0	226	100.0
WALDO				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	4	3.6	4	4.8
RULE 41(a)	47	42.0	40	48.2
RULE 41(b)	17	15.2	6	7.2
DISMISSAL	7	6.3	2	2.4
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	6	5.4	4	4.8
FINAL ORDER	5	4.5	7	8.4
DIVORCE DECREE	3	2.7	1	1.2
APPEAL SUSTAINED	0	0.0	0	0.0
APPEAL DENIED	2	1.8	3	3.6
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	4	3.6	8	9.6
JURY VERDICT	6	5.4	4	4.8
DIRECTED VERDICT	1	.9	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	10	8.9	4	4.8
TOTAL	112	100.0	83	100.0

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
WASHINGTON				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	3	2.6	3	2.4
RULE 41(a)	48	41.4	46	36.8
RULE 41(b)	26	22.4	19	15.2
DISMISSAL	6	5.2	15	12.0
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	5	4.3	18	14.4
FINAL ORDER	9	7.8	2	1.6
DIVORCE DECREE	1	.9	2	1.6
APPEAL SUSTAINED	0	0.0	0	0.0
APPEAL DENIED	1	.9	3	2.4
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	3	2.6	5	4.0
JURY VERDICT	2	1.7	1	.8
DIRECTED VERDICT	1	.9	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	2	1.7	0	0.0
OTHER	9	7.8	11	8.8
TOTAL	116	100.0	125	100.0

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
YORK				
DEFAULT JUDGMENT	31	4.0	16	2.2
RULE 41(a)	344	44.4	341	46.1
RULE 41(b)	136	17.6	100	13.5
DISMISSAL	10	1.3	38	5.1
SUMMARY JUDGMENT	49	6.3	32	4.3
FINAL ORDER	46	5.9	52	7.0
DIVORCE DECREE	20	2.6	20	2.7
APPEAL SUSTAINED	0	0.0	2	.3
APPEAL DENIED	26	3.4	12	1.6
WRIT DENIED	0	0.0	0	0.0
WRIT GRANTED	0	0.0	0	0.0
COURT FINDING	9	1.2	26	3.5
JURY VERDICT	10	1.3	21	2.8
DIRECTED VERDICT	1	.1	0	0.0
MULTIPLE JUDGMENTS	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	92	11.9	80	10.8
TOTAL	774	100.0	740	100.0

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SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL JURY TRIALS*

	1980		1981		1982		1983		1984	
	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS
ANDROSCOGGIN	11	16.0	16	33.0	26	65.5	17	32.0	13	40.0
AROOSTOOK	9	23.0	6	17.5	18	44.0	25	53.0	21	35.5
CUMBERLAND	33	91.0	34	79.0	32	120.5	52	162.0	41	124.5
FRANKLIN	2	4.0	7	15.5	8	10.5	4	14.0	4	10.0
HANCOCK	6	10.5	6	13.5	6	13.5	7	12.0	11	19.0
KENNEBEC	15	26.0	18	67.5	22	52.0	13	49.0	20	58.0
KNOX	8	13.5	8	34.0	7	21.5	8	27.0	13	30.0
LINCOLN	4	8.0	4	12.5	4	11.0	9	48.0	5	15.0
OXFORD	4	11.0	1	1.5	5	9.0	8	15.5	6	9.5
PENOBSCOT	15	30.5	19	30.5	20	39.5	19	33.0	13	25.5
PISCATAQUIS	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	5.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SAGADAHOC	8	15.0	6	15.0	5	21.5	7	30.5	5	8.5
SOMERSET	10	13.5	8	12.5	11	25.0	14	34.5	6	13.0
WALDO	3	8.5	5	9.5	4	8.0	8	18.0	4	8.0
WASHINGTON	9	17.0	8	14.5	4	8.0	2	2.0	3	2.5
YORK	19	47.0	26	64.5	27	60.0	15	34.5	27	64.0
STATE TOTAL	156	334.5	172	420.5	201	514.5	208	565.0	192	463.0

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Prior to 1984, there were some discrepancies in calculating the number of jury trial days which may have affected the accuracy of these figures. The problem occurred when cases scheduled for trial underwent multiple voir dire (the justice conducted voir dire for several cases on one day, instead of limiting it to the one case facing imminent trial). Since the court clerks were instructed to calculate trial days by rounding to the nearest .5 day, each of four cases voir dired on one day, for example, would have.5 days added to their total trial time, resulting in a total of 2 trial days being reported for only 1 day of actual trial activity.

TABLE SC-11

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL NON-JURY TRIALS*

	1980		1981		1982		1983		1984	
	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS
ANDROSCOGGIN	30	25.5	22	15.0	10	6.5	8	6.0	11	18.0
AROOSTOOK	1	1.0	8	7.0	10	6.5	15	10.5	21	13.5
CUMBERLAND	31	29.0	31	39.5	24	25.5	38	50.0	21	25.0
FRANKLIN	10	6.5	8	9.5	3	2.0	4	2.5	6	8.0
HANCOCK	23	19.5	7	6.0	3	3.0	14	11.5	26	28.0
KENNEBEC	27	26.0	29	31.0	16	26.0	28	26.5	7	9.0
KNOX	26	15.5	25	16.5	18	12.0	12	16.0	6	5.5
LINCOLN	7	5.0	8	8.0	10	5.5	6	4.0	4	3.0
OXFORD	4	2.5	4	3.0	9	5.5	5	6.0	2	1.0
PENOBSCOT	32	26.0	42	41.0	29	24.5	31	24.5	22	18.0
PISCATAQUIS	6	3.5	0	0.0	3	1.5	2	1.0	1	1.0
SAGADAHOC	3	1.5	6	5.5	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	4.0
SOMERSET	28	17.5	13	7.0	5	5.5	9	9.5	10	11.5
WALDO	4	4.0	7	5.5	7	4.0	4	3.0	8	8.5
WASHINGTON	7	5.0	15	11.5	11	6.0	7	7.5	6	3.0
YORK	51	47.5	33	27.0	26	26.0	12	8.5	31	29.0
STATE TOTAL	290	235.5	258	233.0	193	168.5	203	194.5	189	186.0

* - Includes cases filed and refiled

- In years prior to 1984, the statistical definition of non-jury trials may have been interpreted differently throughout the state. It is not known whether this discrepancy has significantly skewed the number of trials reported.

TABLE SC-12

SUPERIOR COURT
AGE OF PENDING CASELOAD*
1984

NUMBER OF CASES FROM FILING OR REFILING TO 12/31/84

COURT	0-90 DAYS	91-180 DAYS	181-270 DAYS	271 DAYS - 1 YR.	1 YR. - 2 YRS.	2 YRS - 3 YRS.	3 YRS - 5 YRS.	5 YRS - UP	TOTAL NO. OF CASES	AVERAGE NO. OF DAYS
ANDROSCOGGIN	113	107	116	72	275	162	101	28	974	576
AROOSTOOK	62	53	56	43	140	56	38	17	465	532
CUMBERLAND	298	252	195	172	536	347	266	35	2101	571
FRANKLIN	28	18	11	16	53	26	19	4	175	566
HANCOCK	41	46	39	18	86	55	31	16	332	606
KENNEBEC	152	99	85	57	213	89	83	36	814	555
KNOX	29	21	22	19	60	24	15	5	195	508
LINCOLN	30	22	29	13	54	21	24	3	196	515
OXFORD	37	33	28	35	66	49	27	4	279	525
PENOBSCOT	123	108	109	91	267	114	59	36	907	556
PISCATAQUIS	5	3	5	9	20	12	6	1	61	586
SAGADAHOC	34	32	31	15	69	21	25	6	233	525
SOMERSET	63	43	33	22	83	41	37	5	327	496
WALDO	28	21	13	16	27	22	11	4	142	501
WASHINGTON	26	27	22	16	60	36	26	11	224	627
YORK	137	138	114	91	324	153	101	22	1080	534
STATE TOTAL	1206	1023	908	705	2333	1228	869	235	8507	555

* Includes cases filed and refiled

SUPERIOR COURT
AVERAGE TIME TO JURY TRIAL*

TABLE SC-13

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING OR REFILING TO JURY TRIAL

	1980		1981		1982		1983		1984	
	# OF JURY TRIALS	AVRG. DAYS TO TRIAL	# OF JURY TRIALS	AVRG. DAYS TO TRIAL	# OF JURY TRIALS	AVRG. DAYS TO TRIAL	# OF JURY TRIALS	AVRG. DAYS TO TRIAL	# OF JURY TRIALS	AVRG. DAYS TO TRIAL
ANDROSCOGGIN	11	973	16	1,089	26	1,156	17	1,034	13	1,138
AROOSTOOK	9	707	6	1,138	18	714	25	909	21	639
CUMBERLAND	33	871	34	927	32	1,249	52	1,174	41	1,222
FRANKLIN	2	785	7	989	8	737	4	1,187	4	1,024
HANCOCK	6	495	6	809	6	1,495	7	977	11	885
KENNEBEC	15	803	18	1,025	22	973	13	873	20	938
KNOX	8	945	8	1,343	7	1,215	8	1,196	13	773
LINCOLN	4	501	4	585	4	767	9	689	5	534
OXFORD	4	1,144	1	459	5	958	8	591	6	679
PENOBSCOT	15	619	19	732	20	783	19	773	13	855
PISCATAQUIS					2	871				
SAGADAHOC	8	424	6	416	5	671	7	943	5	665
SOMERSET	10	654	8	813	11	571	14	821	6	478
WALDO	3	771	5	927	4	890	8	1,180	4	822
WASHINGTON	9	827	8	816	4	457	2	613	3	540
YORK	19	737	26	815	27	820	15	730	27	826
STATE TOTAL	156	766	172	900	201	946	208	958	192	897

* Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled

TABLE SC-14

SUPERIOR COURT
AVERAGE TIME TO DISPOSITION*

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING OR REFILING TO DISPOSITION

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	510	542	618	587	604
AROOSTOOK	581	574	503	552	621
CUMBERLAND	517	496	572	602	572
FRANKLIN	269	610	561	526	438
HANCOCK	452	569	546	596	692
KENNEBEC	570	574	571	546	523
KNOX	551	607	517	528	461
LINCOLN	405	454	491	375	496
OXFORD	560	462	571	470	488
PENOBSCOT	490	443	613	550	541
PISCATAQUIS	432	519	488	435	547
SAGADAHOC	487	499	537	577	579
SOMERSET	513	390	423	464	401
WALDO	495	581	583	635	481
WASHINGTON	493	524	417	626	546
YORK	527	498	437	563	567
STATE TOTAL	515	515	547	561	556

* Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled

TABLE SC-15

SUPERIOR COURT
ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION
1984

NUMBER OF CASES FROM FILING OR REFILING TO PRE-TRIAL MEMO

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271 days to 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- Up	Average # of Days
ANDROSCOGGIN	29	30	24	19	53	343
AROOSTOOK	49	38	8	15	40	328
CUMBERLAND	24	29	30	12	50	403
FRANKLIN	4	5	8	3	10	316
HANCOCK	11	15	15	8	18	320
KENNEBEC	20	23	14	8	52	403
KNOX	11	12	9	4	16	308
LINCOLN	2	5	0	4	12	349
OXFORD	10	5	7	5	14	329
PENOBSCOT	30	35	18	20	57	371
PISCATAQUIS	1	2	1	2	1	223
SAGADAHOC	4	2	12	4	8	443
SOMERSET	8	7	12	5	38	450
WALDO	3	3	3	7	12	416
WASHINGTON	3	3	6	2	13	433
YORK	39	57	31	28	89	340
STATE TOTAL	248	271	198	146	483	363

NUMBER OF CASES FROM PRE-TRIAL MEMO TO PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271 days to 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- Up	Average # of Days
ANDROSCOGGIN	1	1	1	3	76	534
AROOSTOOK	45	48	10	6	5	145
CUMBERLAND	8	4	13	34	41	319
FRANKLIN	6	10	5	3	3	179
HANCOCK	5	30	8	3	4	194
KENNEBEC	16	30	20	15	5	195
KNOX	20	14	8	2	2	136
LINCOLN	18	1	1	0	0	66
OXFORD	11	18	8	2	1	155
PENOBSCOT	9	55	46	3	4	185
PISCATAQUIS	1	1	1	0	2	236
SAGADAHOC	13	8	1	3	0	120
SOMERSET	32	15	14	2	2	128
WALDO	9	9	3	1	4	190
WASHINGTON	13	7	3	1	0	113
YORK	25	68	59	18	16	242
STATE TOTAL	232	319	201	96	165	221

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
- See narrative on page 53 for explanation of this table

SUPERIOR COURT
ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION
1984

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(cont.)

NUMBER OF CASES FROM PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE TO JURY TRIAL

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271 days to 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- Up	Average # of Days
ANDROSCOGGIN	0	4	0	7	2	285
AROOSTOOK	4	5	5	2	4	245
CUMBERLAND	1	2	8	10	16	435
FRANKLIN	0	0	1	0	3	484
HANCOCK	0	0	1	4	6	516
KENNEBEC	0	2	8	5	5	401
KNOX	1	1	6	1	3	266
LINCOLN	0	1	0	0	1	499
OXFORD	3	0	0	0	3	332
PENOBSCOT	1	2	2	2	5	423
PISCATAQUIS	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAGADAHOC	1	0	2	0	1	246
SOMERSET	0	3	3	0	0	186
WALDO	1	1	1	0	1	370
WASHINGTON	0	0	3	0	0	189
YORK	3	11	9	1	2	189
STATE TOTAL	15	32	49	32	52	337

NUMBER OF CASES FROM PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE TO NON-JURY TRIAL

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271 days to 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- Up	Average # of Days
ANDROSCOGGIN	0	1	4	2	4	335
AROOSTOOK	6	5	5	2	2	188
CUMBERLAND	2	6	3	0	6	285
FRANKLIN	0	3	0	1	1	252
HANCOCK	2	7	1	2	2	212
KENNEBEC	1	0	1	3	0	251
KNOX	1	1	1	1	1	361
LINCOLN	1	1	0	1	0	160
OXFORD	0	1	1	0	0	179
PENOBSCOT	3	6	3	2	4	298
PISCATAQUIS	0	0	0	0	1	515
SAGADAHOC	2	1	0	1	1	329
SOMERSET	4	2	2	0	1	149
WALDO	2	1	2	1	2	277
WASHINGTON	0	1	4	0	1	323
YORK	7	6	5	1	7	223
STATE TOTAL	31	42	32	17	33	253

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
  - See narrative on page 53 for explanation of this table

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SUPERIOR COURT
ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION
1984

	NUMBER OF CASES FROM FILING OR REFILING TO DISPOSITION									
	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271 days to 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- 2 Yrs.	2 Yrs.- 3 Yrs.	3 Yrs.- 5 Yrs.	5 Yrs.- 6 Up	Total # of Cases	Average # of Days
ANDROSCOGGIN	95	54	39	51	117	134	86	9	585	604
AROOSTOOK	53	48	33	33	92	67	44	18	388	621
CUMBERLAND	209	237	155	112	287	317	142	48	1,507	572
FRANKLIN	22	13	13	8	23	17	6	0	102	438
HANCOCK	30	21	19	13	38	44	28	15	208	692
KENNEBEC	107	101	55	52	126	100	60	16	617	523
KNOX	35	23	16	12	29	29	13	1	158	461
LINCOLN	19	13	11	17	33	18	12	0	123	496
OXFORD	27	23	9	10	42	29	10	2	152	488
PENOBSCOT	105	71	55	44	115	151	49	12	602	541
PISCATAQUIS	7	5	3	4	9	7	4	1	40	547
SAGADAHOC	16	14	6	11	23	21	11	4	108	579
SOMERSET	59	42	18	21	43	31	10	2	226	401
WALDO	24	10	6	7	13	13	8	2	83	481
WASHINGTON	28	21	6	4	19	30	14	3	125	546
YORK	106	90	71	61	145	178	77	12	740	567
STATE TOTAL	944	786	515	460	1,154	1,186	574	145	5,764	556

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
- See narrative on page 53 for explanation of this table

CIVIL DEFINITIONS

REFILING:

These are matters which have been previously disposed and which have been brought before the Superior Court for further action. For statistical purposes, such matters are limited to the following circumstances:

1. When a case remanded to the District Court returns to the Superior Court for further action.

2. When a case appealed to the Law Court returns to the Superior Court for further action.

3. When a mistrial occurs and a second trial is required; when a motion for a new trial is granted; or when a case, for any other reason, requires a trial after its original disposition.

4. When a motion for relief from judgment is granted, or a case is reinstated on the docket after judgment has been entered (Rule 60(b)).

TYPE OF CASE:

1. Damages: An action in which claim for relief is based on physical damage to property or reputation.

2. Personal Injury: An action in which claim for relief is based on physical or mental injury.

3. Contract: An action in which claim for relief arises out of alleged violation of an agreement, including cases commonly referred to as agreements and promissory notes.

4. Divorce: An action brought in order to dissolve a marriage.

5. Traffic Infraction Appeals: A Superior Court review of a District Court decision under Title 29.

6. Habeas Corpus: The demand of a party to be released from alleged illegal confinement. Pursuant to 15 M.R.S.A. §2129 effective July 1, 1980, petitions for post-conviction relief became criminal proceedings.

7. Other Appeals from District Court: A Superior Court review of an action decided in District Court, with the exception of traffic infractions.

8. Other: An action which is not included in any of the above categories (e.g., quiet title, legal separation, mechanic's lien, Rule 80B Appeals).

TYPE OF DISPOSITION:

1. Default Judgment: The justice or clerk of court enters a judgment resulting from the failure of the defendant to take a necessary step under the civil rules.

2. Rule 41(a): A voluntary dismissal of the plaintiff or stipulation of all the parties.

3. Rule 41(b): A dismissal on court order for failure to take significant action in a case for two years.

4. Dismissal: A judicial determination of dismissal after a motion and hearing.

5. Summary Judgment: A judgment rendered on the basis of the pleadings.

6. Final Order: An order entered to dispose of an habitual offender, URESA, reference case, or Proforma Decree.

7. Divorce Decree: A court decree issued to dissolve a marriage.

8. Appeal Sustained: A judicial decision reversing the judgment entered in the District Court.

9. Appeal Denied: A judicial decision upholding the judgment entered in the District Court.

10. Writ Denied: Denial of a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

11. Writ Granted: Granting of a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

12. Court Finding: A judgment entered by a justice in a court (non jury) trial.

13. Jury Verdict: A disposition rendered by a jury.

14. Directed Verdict: A direction by the justice to the jury to make a specific finding.

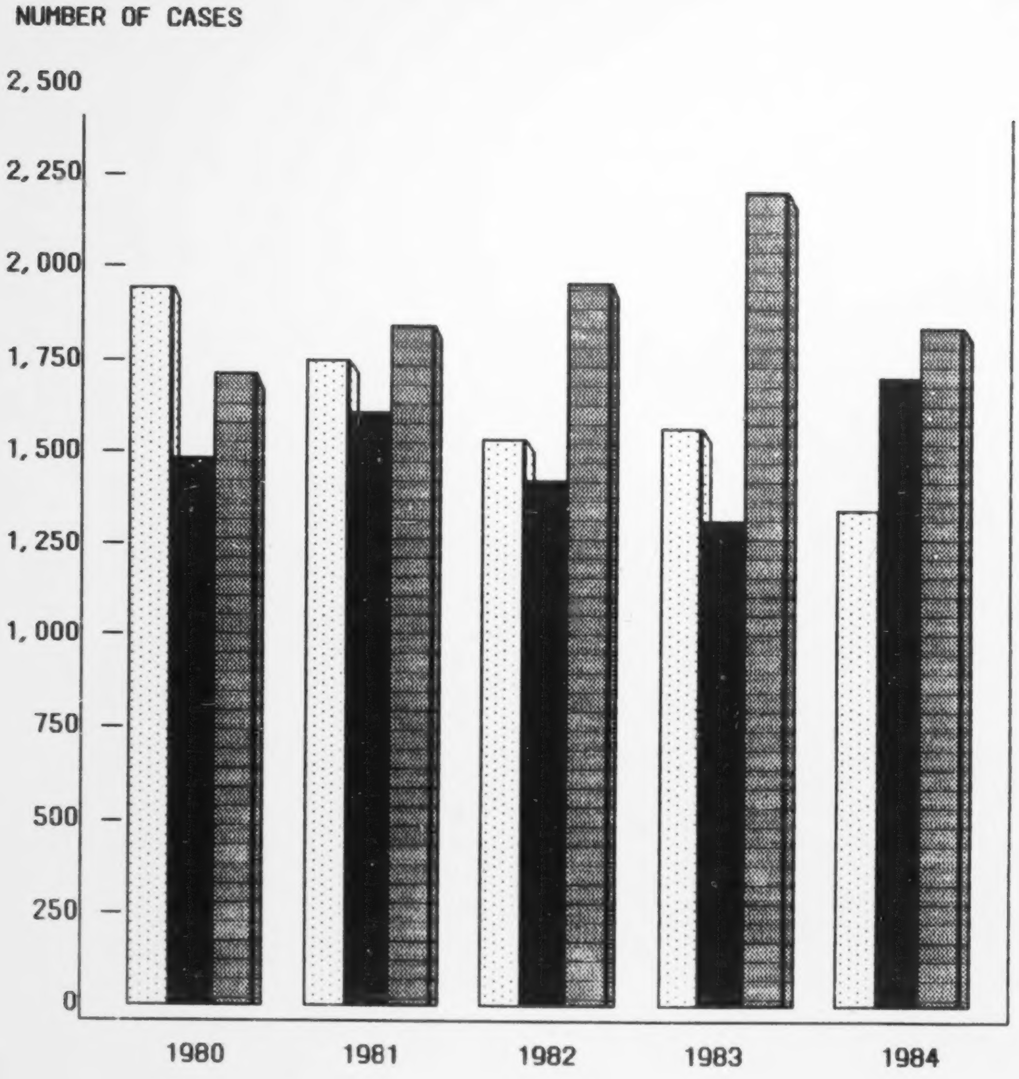
15. Multiple Judgments: Cases consolidated for jury or jury waived trial.

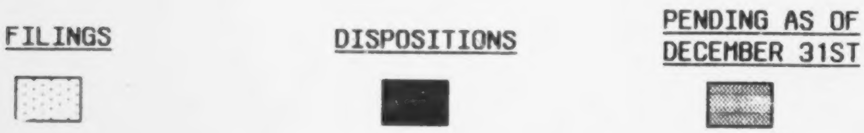
16. Other: A disposition which is not included in any of the above categories (e.g., change of venue).

Superior Court
URESA Caseload

SUPERIOR COURT

URESA CASELOAD





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SUPERIOR COURT
URESA FILINGS SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	117	122	124	89	118	.9	32.6
AROOSTOOK	167	144	120	129	113	-32.3	-12.4
CUMBERLAND	330	283	259	273	222	-32.7	-18.7
FRANKLIN	42	41	47	30	29	-31.0	-3.3
HANCOCK	79	64	71	63	59	-25.3	-6.3
KENNEBEC	171	151	114	160	107	-37.4	-33.1
KNOX	51	58	48	58	46	-9.8	-20.7
LINCOLN	30	30	21	26	25	-16.7	-3.8
OXFORD	98	76	76	62	57	-41.8	-8.1
PENOBSCOT	243	243	204	203	167	-31.3	-17.7
PISCATAQUIS	36	33	31	29	32	-11.1	10.3
SAGADAHOC	62	55	40	56	36	-41.9	-35.7
SOMERSET	104	68	93	82	64	-38.5	-22.0
WALDO	59	51	36	51	45	-23.7	-11.8
WASHINGTON	70	75	59	74	62	-11.4	-16.2
YORK	285	255	195	180	162	-43.2	-10.0
STATE TOTAL	1,944	1,749	1,538	1,565	1,344	-30.9	-14.1

* URESA: Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act

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SUPERIOR COURT

URESA DISPOSITIONS SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	92	98	102	96	168	82.6	75.0
AROOSTOOK	204	137	127	119	112	-45.1	-5.9
CUMBERLAND	229	222	292	192	399	74.2	107.8
FRANKLIN	29	32	42	23	25	-13.8	8.7
HANCOCK	54	72	38	84	64	18.5	-23.8
KENNEBEC	94	258	89	106	106	12.8	0.0
KNOX	32	53	43	36	66	106.2	83.3
LINCOLN	29	19	19	24	19	-34.5	-20.8
OXFORD	91	68	61	47	57	-37.4	21.3
PENOBSCOT	187	151	188	177	168	-10.2	-5.1
PISCATAQUIS	12	57	24	24	15	25.0	-37.5
SAGADAHOC	37	48	40	35	68	83.8	94.3
SOMERSET	94	74	78	81	78	-17.0	-3.7
WALDO	32	53	40	47	51	59.4	8.5
WASHINGTON	45	64	64	79	67	48.9	-15.2
YORK	220	205	178	149	242	10.0	62.4
STATE TOTAL	1,481	1,611	1,425	1,319	1,705	15.1	29.3

* URESA: Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act

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SUPERIOR COURT

URESA PENDING CASELOAD SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	105	129	151	144	94	-10.5	-34.7
AROOSTOOK	23	30	23	33	34	47.8	3.0
CUMBERLAND	360	421	388	469	292	-18.9	-37.7
FRANKLIN	27	36	41	48	52	92.6	8.3
HANCOCK	65	57	90	69	64	-1.5	-7.2
KENNEBEC	277	170	195	249	250	-9.7	.4
KNOX	53	58	63	85	65	22.6	-23.5
LINCOLN	24	35	37	39	45	87.5	15.4
OXFORD	62	70	85	100	100	61.3	0.0
PENOBSCOT	277	369	385	411	410	48.0	-.2
PISCATAQUIS	43	19	26	31	48	11.6	54.8
SAGADAHOC	66	73	73	94	62	-6.1	-34.0
SOMERSET	48	42	57	58	44	-8.3	-24.1
WALDO	43	41	37	41	35	-18.6	-14.6
WASHINGTON	60	71	66	61	56	-6.7	-8.2
YORK	174	224	241	272	192	10.3	-29.4
STATE TOTAL	707	1,845	1,958	2,204	1,843	8.0	-16.4

* URESA: Uniform [illegible]iprocal Enforcement of Support Act

Superior Court Criminal Caseload

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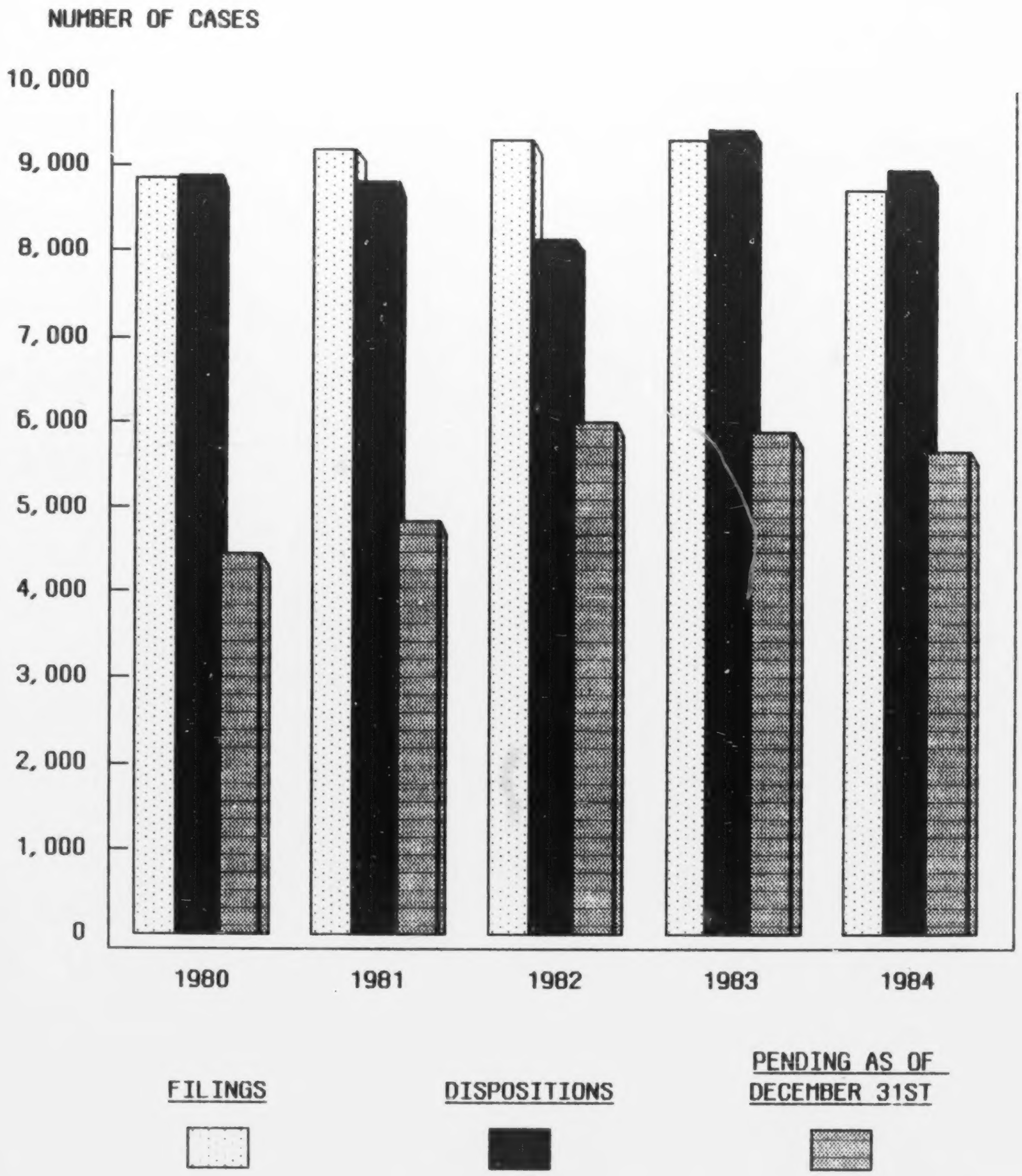
SUPERIOR COURT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD



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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	553	442	689	668	697	26.0	4.3
AROOSTOOK	673	784	649	585	408	-39.4	-30.3
CUMBERLAND	1,649	1,949	1,776	1,871	1,735	5.2	-7.3
FRANKLIN	438	430	423	416	421	-3.9	1.2
HANCOCK	200	213	244	230	242	21.0	5.2
KENNEBEC	709	696	967	840	775	9.3	-7.7
KNOX	380	365	382	437	582	53.2	33.2
LINCOLN	228	284	272	354	311	36.4	-12.1
OXFORD	326	313	441	343	275	-15.6	-19.8
PENOBSCOT	850	695	758	789	712	-16.2	-9.8
PISCATAQUIS	135	113	152	133	110	-18.5	-17.3
SAGADAHOC	304	251	254	295	296	-2.6	.3
SOMERSET	976	1,017	767	815	806	-17.4	-1.1
WALDO	137	219	235	268	245	78.8	-8.6
WASHINGTON	183	232	209	321	282	54.1	-12.1
YORK	1,125	1,187	1,073	940	815	-27.6	-13.3
STATE TOTAL	8,866	9,190	9,291	9,305	8,712	-1.7	-6.4

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by docket number

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	439	481	562	693	668	52.2	-3.6
AROOSTOOK	663	814	673	652	479	-27.8	-26.5
CUMBERLAND	1,721	1,656	1,584	1,958	1,753	1.9	-10.5
FRANKLIN	408	423	374	444	370	-9.3	-16.7
HANCOCK	203	200	180	269	169	-16.7	-37.2
KENNEBEC	748	696	807	943	823	10.0	-12.7
KNOX	351	385	331	384	505	43.9	31.5
LINCOLN	217	266	187	237	339	56.2	43.0
OXFORD	300	300	321	328	318	6.0	-3.0
PENOBSCOT	867	739	768	753	819	-5.5	8.8
PISCATAQUIS	85	141	147	113	93	9.4	-17.7
SAGADAHOC	242	267	203	193	363	50.0	88.1
SOMERSET	1,032	972	709	861	733	-29.0	-14.9
WALDO	192	205	186	214	309	60.9	44.4
WASHINGTON	250	197	147	328	263	5.2	-19.8
YORK	1,166	1,052	963	1,046	935	-19.8	-10.6
STATE TOTAL	8,884	8,794	8,142	9,416	8,939	.6	-5.1

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
  - Cases counted by docket number

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL PENDING CASELOAD SUMMARY*

COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1980-1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	404	365	492	467	496	22.8	6.2
AROOSTOOK	440	410	386	319	248	-43.6	-22.3
CUMBERLAND	714	1,007	1,199	1,112	1,094	53.2	-1.6
FRANKLIN	164	171	220	192	243	48.2	26.6
HANCOCK	134	147	211	172	245	82.8	42.4
KENNEBEC	420	420	580	477	429	2.1	-10.1
KNOX	190	170	221	274	351	84.7	28.1
LINCOLN	82	100	185	302	274	234.1	-9.3
OXFORD	189	202	322	337	294	55.6	-12.8
PENOBSCOT	432	388	378	414	307	-28.9	-25.8
PISCATAQUIS	122	94	99	119	136	11.5	14.3
SAGADAHOC	123	107	158	260	193	56.9	-25.8
SOMERSET	292	337	395	349	422	44.5	20.9
WALDO	113	127	176	230	166	46.9	-27.8
WASHINGTON	120	155	217	210	229	90.8	9.0
YORK	501	636	746	640	520	3.8	-18.8
STATE TOTAL	4,440	4,836	5,985	5,874	5,647	27.2	-3.9

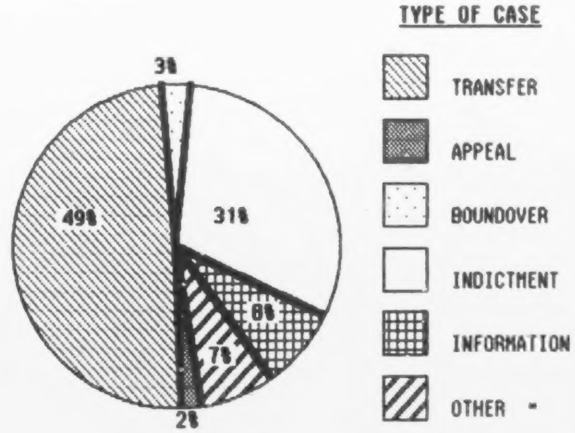
* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by docket number

TABLE SC-24

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

COURT	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	FILINGS 1984	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1984
STATE TOTAL										
BAIL REVIEW	234	210	222	159	200	233	216	222	156	193
TRANSFER	3,976	4,054	4,654	4,670	4,271	4,121	3,889	3,801	4,753	4,546
APPEAL	778	733	259	161	126	888	734	441	219	188
BOUNDOVER	428	545	464	434	255	362	471	476	475	323
INDICTMENT	2,253	2,351	2,682	2,725	2,700	2,195	2,258	2,242	2,706	2,634
INFORMATION	804	860	641	704	670	803	861	619	709	635
JUVENILE APPEAL	61	29	23	8	18	44	46	34	10	12
OTHER	93	177	140	128	142	66	124	150	133	138
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	157	193	166	276	304	113	140	132	189	249
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	82	38	40	39	26	59	55	25	64	21
TOTAL	8,866	9,190	9,291	9,304	8,712	8,884	8,794	8,142	9,414	8,939

1984 CRIMINAL FILINGS



*Includes "bail review", juvenile appeal","refiling-probation revocation", "refiling-new trial",and "other".

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
  - Cases counted by docket number
  - Types of cases are defined on page 143 of this report
  - Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding
  - Boundovers from the District Court create a difficult situation with regard to the counting of cases for statistical purposes. When a boundover is filed in the Superior Court, it remains a "boundover" type of case even if an indictment results. In 1984, there were actually an additional 163 indictment case dispositions to the 2,634 recorded above. (See Table SC-25 for detail by court location). When a boundover results in an information being filed, the boundover is dismissed and a new docket number is assigned for the information. Under such circumstances, the case is actually being counted twice but it is not believed that this creates a serious statistical problem.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

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(cont.)

COURT	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
ANDROSCOGGIN										
BAIL REVIEW	8	9	9	4	9	8	9	9	4	9
TRANSFER	170	135	291	278	266	107	170	191	299	307
APPEAL	39	27	24	8	8	28	31	39	11	7
BOUNDOVER	39	20	7	9	5	28	22	24	10	6
INDICTMENT	225	181	287	275	304	210	183	222	283	250
INFORMATION	20	42	43	61	44	21	42	43	61	43
JUVENILE APPEAL	12	3	1	0	1	9	4	4	0	0
OTHER	9	10	9	3	6	8	9	12	3	6
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	25	10	18	28	53	15	11	14	18	40
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	6	5	0	2	1	5	0	4	4	0
TOTAL	553	442	689	668	697	439	481	562	693	668
AROOSTOOK										
BAIL REVIEW	19	44	32	20	17	20	44	31	19	17
TRANSFER	373	390	340	334	162	372	415	358	383	219
APPEAL	79	77	21	20	5	69	103	28	25	12
BOUNDOVER	72	87	66	52	22	64	77	80	69	32
INDICTMENT	80	114	138	109	154	99	99	125	113	151
INFORMATION	36	53	35	26	20	34	56	35	26	20
JUVENILE APPEAL	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0
OTHER	0	9	3	6	9	0	3	4	4	9
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	7	4	14	17	19	3	7	10	11	19
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	6	4	0	1	0	0	8	2	1	0
TOTAL	673	784	649	585	408	663	814	673	652	479
CUMBERLAND										
BAIL REVIEW	94	72	53	23	69	91	75	54	21	67
TRANSFER	546	708	815	880	749	637	537	620	1,000	789
APPEAL	127	121	20	22	17	184	97	63	23	26
BOUNDOVER	16	10	4	8	2	13	16	3	7	1
INDICTMENT	571	685	648	643	682	519	617	605	644	675
INFORMATION	203	231	174	183	136	206	230	172	184	128
JUVENILE APPEAL	5	4	3	0	2	7	0	7	0	1
OTHER	29	58	44	41	34	21	43	44	39	32
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	54	59	12	70	43	40	40	16	35	34
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	4	1	3	0	1	3	1	0	3	0
TOTAL	1,649	1,949	1,776	1,870	1,735	1,721	1,656	1,584	1,956	1,753
FRANKLIN										
BAIL REVIEW	1	1	7	17	6	1	1	7	17	5
TRANSFER	249	271	297	264	309	248	249	230	302	270
APPEAL	28	26	11	3	3	26	29	15	6	5
BOUNDOVER	12	18	29	31	6	13	14	28	30	10
INDICTMENT	55	57	41	57	59	48	54	55	45	48
INFORMATION	44	54	36	39	26	44	54	36	39	25
JUVENILE APPEAL	2	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	2
OTHER	4	0	1	1	8	1	2	0	3	2
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	43	3	0	2	1	24	20	2	2	0
TOTAL	438	430	423	416	421	408	423	374	444	370

* - See notes, bottom of page 113

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

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(cont.)

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
HANCOCK										
BAIL REVIEW	1	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	1
TRANSFER	73	61	124	115	81	74	68	71	135	73
APPEAL	32	27	11	4	3	35	26	14	10	4
BOUNDOVER	6	13	13	3	5	11	10	10	5	3
INDICTMENT	71	75	79	89	118	68	76	61	97	63
INFORMATION	11	18	11	14	10	11	16	12	15	9
JUVENILE APPEAL	2	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0
OTHER	1	6	3	3	7	0	1	5	4	7
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	1	5	1	0	12	0	0	0	1	6
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	2	4	1	1	3	1	2	3	1	3
TOTAL	200	213	244	230	242	203	200	180	269	169
KENNEBEC										
BAIL REVIEW	28	25	35	28	26	28	27	35	29	26
TRANSFER	302	282	511	452	394	335	267	414	444	455
APPEAL	58	67	23	13	13	62	69	39	29	13
BOUNDOVER	15	13	8	12	2	13	9	14	14	2
INDICTMENT	216	196	286	214	208	232	205	212	313	204
INFORMATION	39	56	49	61	78	38	56	46	62	76
JUVENILE APPEAL	11	3	2	1	3	5	15	3	1	3
OTHER	3	8	10	14	9	2	10	5	19	7
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	36	44	41	44	39	30	36	37	31	34
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	2	1	3
TOTAL	709	696	967	840	775	748	696	807	943	823
KNOX										
BAIL REVIEW	15	6	3	5	4	15	6	3	5	4
TRANSFER	181	177	231	268	406	158	202	180	225	344
APPEAL	53	30	15	4	7	56	32	20	10	7
BOUNDOVER	34	35	26	51	28	22	30	25	50	21
INDICTMENT	64	69	68	79	85	72	71	64	70	71
INFORMATION	17	32	24	13	27	17	31	23	15	26
JUVENILE APPEAL	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
OTHER	4	7	9	11	13	2	4	8	6	19
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	8	6	5	6	9	7	4	7	2	12
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	1	3	1	0	2	1	3	1	1	1
TOTAL	380	365	382	437	582	351	385	331	384	505
LINCOLN										
BAIL REVIEW	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	2
TRANSFER	148	163	184	217	220	138	153	103	149	228
APPEAL	16	39	9	4	1	20	33	18	5	2
BOUNDOVER	10	22	13	35	22	7	18	12	19	31
INDICTMENT	37	29	48	62	50	32	31	35	30	60
INFORMATION	12	24	10	31	13	12	24	10	29	14
JUVENILE APPEAL	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
OTHER	3	4	2	2	3	5	3	3	2	2
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	1	2	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	0
TOTAL	228	284	272	354	311	217	266	187	237	339

* - See notes, bottom of page 113

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
COURT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
OXFORD										
BAIL REVIEW	5	5	11	7	10	5	5	11	7	8
TRANSFER	125	120	226	154	119	97	127	136	166	139
APPEAL	37	30	17	12	8	46	25	30	4	17
BOUNDOVER	13	52	24	14	8	12	33	47	10	11
INDICTMENT	98	69	127	119	81	101	75	63	102	102
INFORMATION	36	22	19	16	22	36	22	20	15	22
JUVENILE APPEAL	5	0	4	0	0	0	5	4	0	0
OTHER	5	7	8	7	4	1	6	9	8	5
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	0	7	4	12	22	0	1	0	14	13
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1
TOTAL	326	313	441	343	275	300	300	321	328	318
PENOBSCOT										
BAIL REVIEW	24	10	13	6	7	24	10	12	6	6
TRANSFER	307	183	266	265	228	364	235	284	223	269
APPEAL	128	94	17	25	12	129	110	48	29	16
BOUNDOVER	26	29	11	11	4	21	30	19	12	5
INDICTMENT	302	305	338	372	348	276	296	322	370	414
INFORMATION	34	26	66	56	80	33	27	47	60	74
JUVENILE APPEAL	2	5	9	2	3	4	4	8	3	3
OTHER	9	29	16	11	12	6	18	17	15	11
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	17	13	16	31	15	9	9	9	25	15
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	1	1	6	10	3	1	0	2	10	6
TOTAL	850	695	758	789	712	867	739	768	753	819
PISCATAQUIS										
BAIL REVIEW	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	45
TRANSFER	50	46	68	72	2	27	56	67	51	1
APPEAL	14	13	7	1	14	9	22	10	4	12
BOUNDOVER	16	17	26	16	32	11	15	19	16	23
INDICTMENT	48	19	39	34	7	32	35	35	32	6
INFORMATION	5	11	7	6	0	5	10	8	6	0
JUVENILE APPEAL	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
OTHER	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	1	1	4
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	1	5	4	1	1	0	2	5	2	1
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0
TOTAL	135	113	152	133	110	85	141	147	113	93
SAGADAHOC										
BAIL REVIEW	3	2	4	1	4	3	2	4	1	4
TRANSFER	161	116	166	196	177	118	118	136	113	229
APPEAL	41	40	8	8	8	40	44	13	7	11
BOUNDOVER	24	26	36	25	32	11	35	18	26	39
INDICTMENT	49	37	32	48	48	42	40	23	30	56
INFORMATION	23	24	7	14	24	25	24	7	14	21
JUVENILE APPEAL	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
OTHER	1	3	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	2	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	2
TOTAL	304	251	254	295	296	242	267	203	193	363

* - See notes, bottom of page 113

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*

TABLE SC-24
(cont.)

COURT	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	FILINGS 1984	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1984
SOMERSET										
BAIL REVIEW	26	23	43	38	35	27	24	44	37	36
TRANSFER	650	746	513	485	528	725	697	473	541	471
APPEAL	18	15	12	7	16	17	12	17	7	18
BOUNDOVER	16	32	35	40	33	22	25	27	45	30
INDICTMENT	132	87	96	137	96	113	103	81	131	88
INFORMATION	115	80	41	70	63	114	81	41	69	61
JUVENILE APPEAL	5	4	2	1	2	5	2	2	3	1
OTHER	9	10	7	3	7	3	11	12	3	6
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	4	15	18	28	26	3	11	12	19	22
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	1	5	0	6	0	3	6	0	6	0
TOTAL	976	1,017	767	815	806	1,032	972	709	861	733
WALDO										
BAIL REVIEW	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TRANSFER	35	73	144	131	128	49	70	87	108	187
APPEAL	5	8	12	7	2	8	11	9	5	12
BOUNDOVER	13	30	26	11	6	22	20	25	16	10
INDICTMENT	50	78	40	97	78	87	67	52	61	80
INFORMATION	18	19	5	11	12	17	20	5	11	12
JUVENILE APPEAL	8	0	0	2	0	0	8	0	2	0
OTHER	1	2	1	1	3	0	0	2	3	2
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	0	9	6	4	9	3	8	5	4	4
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	6	0	1	4	7	5	1	1	4	2
TOTAL	137	219	235	268	245	192	205	186	214	309
WASHINGTON										
BAIL REVIEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRANSFER	52	49	49	130	123	87	45	34	119	121
APPEAL	24	27	10	7	2	36	29	11	13	5
BOUNDOVER	15	23	16	18	19	21	15	11	20	20
INDICTMENT	67	101	91	126	107	82	78	58	119	86
INFORMATION	15	16	12	28	13	15	14	13	28	11
JUVENILE APPEAL	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
OTHER	1	7	8	8	5	1	6	6	7	8
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	1	4	1	3	11	1	5	1	0	11
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	6	4	22	1	1	5	4	3	22	1
TOTAL	183	232	209	321	292	250	197	147	328	263
YORK										
BAIL REVIEW	9	12	9	8	8	9	12	9	8	8
TRANSFER	554	534	429	429	331	585	480	417	495	400
APPEAL	79	92	42	16	19	123	61	67	31	32
BOUNDOVER	101	118	124	98	47	71	102	114	126	90
INDICTMENT	188	249	324	264	250	182	228	219	266	263
INFORMATION	176	152	102	75	95	175	154	101	75	87
JUVENILE APPEAL	1	1	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	2
OTHER	14	16	18	14	21	14	8	20	15	20
REFIL-PROBATION REVOC	3	12	24	31	39	2	6	14	26	32
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	0	1	0	5	1	4	1	0	4	1
TOTAL	1,125	1,187	1,073	940	815	1,166	1,052	963	1,046	935

* - See notes, bottom of page 113

TABLE SC-25

SUPERIOR COURT
CASES IN WHICH INDICTMENTS WERE FILED AFTER BEING STATISTICALLY RECORDED AS BOUNDOVERS FROM DISTRICT COURT*

COURT	1982	1983	1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	7	7	4
AROOSTOOK	48	45	24
CUMBERLAND	1	0	0
FRANKLIN	11	15	8
HANCOCK	1	2	3
KENNEBEC	2	4	1
KNOX	16	30	16
LINCOLN	8	3	12
OXFORD	9	3	5
PENOBSCOT	14	4	2
PISCATAQUIS	12	14	10
SAGADAHOC	7	7	20
SOMERSET	13	18	21
WALDO	16	12	9
WASHINGTON	10	15	13
YORK	15	21	15
STATE TOTAL	190	200	163

* - Counted by docket number
- Counted at the time of case disposition
- Boundovers from the District Court create a difficult situation with regard to the counting of cases for statistical purposes. When a boundover is filed in the Superior Court, it remains a "boundover" type of case even if an indictment results. In 1984, there were actually an additional 163 indictment case dispositions to the 2,634 on Table SC-24. When a boundover results in an information being filed, the boundover is dismissed and a new docket number is assigned for the information. Under such circumstances, the case is actually being counted twice but it is not believed that this creates a serious statistical problem

TABLE SC-26

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS BY CLASS OF CHARGE *

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
STATE TOTAL										
A	329	427	419	395	522	312	329	405	420	424
B	962	1,055	1,126	945	903	909	1,032	967	1,070	875
C	1,641	1,797	1,882	1,906	1,764	1,420	1,730	1,619	1,894	1,747
D	1,332	1,272	2,012	1,828	1,839	1,493	1,269	1,524	1,907	1,880
E	752	728	892	874	980	799	725	764	867	983
TITLE 29	3,458	3,473	2,512	2,777	2,203	3,518	3,320	2,411	2,747	2,489
OTHER	731	800	777	809	758	721	765	695	775	752
TOTAL	9,205	9,552	9,620	9,534	8,969	9,172	9,170	8,385	9,680	9,150

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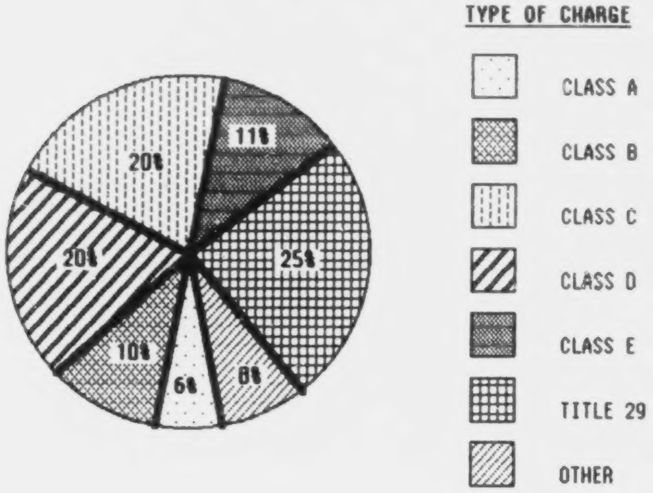

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
  - Cases counted by defendant

TABLE SC-26
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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE*

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
ANDROSCOGGIN										
A	30	51	47	33	52	29	30	45	52	35
B	101	78	91	85	107	82	72	89	106	75
C	159	129	204	216	205	129	143	158	203	177
D	76	46	137	80	100	72	65	91	97	96
E	50	36	52	57	60	34	48	57	56	64
TITLE 29	125	116	163	184	151	78	135	115	190	189
OTHER	57	32	41	39	64	44	33	42	29	54
TOTAL	598	488	735	694	739	468	526	597	733	690
AROOSTOOK										
A	25	27	28	15	20	20	24	30	21	21
B	39	48	44	41	37	50	52	41	39	41
C	103	115	130	75	84	94	107	127	112	74
D	137	161	158	139	106	113	187	143	150	129
E	57	64	55	68	39	98	78	60	65	52
TITLE 29	262	289	172	175	62	244	275	211	208	98
OTHER	50	80	62	72	60	49	91	62	57	64
TOTAL	673	784	649	585	408	668	814	674	652	479
CUMBERLAND										
A	66	105	101	88	111	70	71	112	85	94
B	219	273	234	174	224	197	244	227	217	197
C	402	434	363	373	422	332	429	353	367	408
D	194	273	444	368	495	248	199	327	413	443
E	130	149	165	174	254	137	118	155	172	234
TITLE 29	538	622	406	615	168	617	538	354	663	303
OTHER	197	204	128	137	139	190	170	127	109	127
TOTAL	1,746	2,060	1,841	1,929	1,813	1,791	1,769	1,655	2,026	1,806
FRANKLIN										
A	11	8	14	12	14	3	12	9	16	8
B	20	29	38	31	23	13	23	41	26	19
C	32	48	36	70	45	30	41	40	56	45
D	58	57	85	104	99	60	60	55	106	100
E	51	38	49	39	59	44	42	38	49	38
TITLE 29	243	247	185	140	167	243	223	184	159	147
OTHER	26	12	32	34	28	19	26	17	45	24
TOTAL	441	439	439	430	435	412	427	384	457	381

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE*

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
HANCOCK										
A	24	14	11	6	16	4	23	8	10	11
B	41	38	25	33	48	33	44	25	34	20
C	44	57	60	67	86	41	52	53	63	44
D	16	33	50	70	46	35	25	30	68	53
E	9	10	24	11	12	9	10	16	16	13
TITLE 29	74	60	74	43	37	72	63	48	76	21
OTHER	22	19	11	14	25	23	16	8	16	19
TOTAL	230	231	255	244	270	217	233	188	283	181
KENNEBEC										
A	29	37	53	53	58	31	24	38	64	53
B	69	61	106	99	93	70	72	79	130	95
C	148	125	160	124	117	131	147	131	165	110
D	154	112	181	164	148	186	132	142	178	166
E	56	46	73	65	70	54	45	63	66	76
TITLE 29	205	249	299	238	214	212	222	283	239	248
OTHER	99	100	113	105	86	98	111	88	119	79
TOTAL	760	730	985	848	786	782	753	824	961	827
KNOX										
A	11	14	5	11	10	16	11	7	12	10
B	28	24	26	28	25	31	23	28	33	18
C	61	58	65	50	60	43	57	52	57	40
D	63	46	58	75	86	48	65	54	61	83
E	25	23	28	41	58	29	18	23	41	47
TITLE 29	166	169	168	189	291	163	182	132	148	247
OTHER	30	38	35	43	55	25	33	37	34	61
TOTAL	384	372	385	437	585	355	389	333	386	506
LINCOLN										
A	3	9	5	11	20	3	7	6	4	15
B	17	24	24	40	11	12	28	20	19	36
C	24	26	35	66	54	24	21	25	44	52
D	25	35	104	133	73	17	27	49	99	112
E	8	16	35	42	36	13	16	17	34	35
TITLE 29	146	171	64	60	125	142	165	65	33	92
OTHER	5	3	11	9	2	6	2	9	6	6
TOTAL	228	284	278	361	321	217	266	191	239	348

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE*

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
OXFORD										
A	16	13	21	20	19	22	8	18	10	22
B	52	53	78	49	32	39	54	52	55	31
C	49	69	84	90	51	57	57	60	68	78
D	34	26	104	56	30	23	29	56	71	42
E	27	31	72	48	28	15	36	29	58	45
TITLE 29	138	111	89	70	86	136	112	103	49	84
OTHER	16	16	19	38	42	14	11	15	31	38
TOTAL	332	319	467	371	288	306	307	333	342	340
PENOBSCOT										
A	43	27	39	43	51	37	29	39	42	52
B	82	82	86	54	92	85	90	83	68	95
C	215	253	223	284	214	173	221	230	269	273
D	125	75	157	129	148	141	94	148	122	158
E	89	66	94	75	74	95	80	100	53	81
TITLE 29	262	156	105	143	99	278	196	125	136	126
OTHER	45	51	58	64	34	68	42	55	64	37
TOTAL	861	710	762	792	712	877	752	780	754	822
PISCATAQUIS										
A	6	4	3	7	4	5	3	7	5	5
B	22	13	16	14	9	12	13	12	15	11
C	33	23	43	25	31	17	32	36	26	17
D	18	11	38	42	29	22	12	41	22	21
E	13	14	16	6	26	4	21	16	11	9
TITLE 29	34	35	16	24	6	16	43	24	15	17
OTHER	9	13	20	16	5	9	17	12	19	13
TOTAL	135	113	152	134	110	85	141	148	113	93
SAGADAHOC										
A	3	8	7	5	20	3	10	3	6	14
B	26	35	30	25	18	16	37	24	24	24
C	51	30	41	31	58	39	35	23	30	60
D	41	31	38	57	51	35	33	36	35	65
E	20	15	23	28	32	16	17	14	23	34
TITLE 29	166	130	111	138	121	133	128	101	70	161
OTHER	9	9	14	16	5	9	12	9	12	15
TOTAL	316	258	264	300	305	251	272	210	200	373

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE*

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
SOMERSET										
A	21	20	14	32	23	14	22	12	30	20
B	49	52	41	49	36	55	59	36	48	38
C	86	62	63	98	75	78	69	56	95	67
D	162	130	133	137	171	208	118	111	154	142
E	91	108	84	74	93	102	94	74	87	81
TITLE 29	482	546	318	319	313	518	510	300	346	291
OTHER	103	99	116	108	96	81	102	121	102	96
TOTAL	994	1,017	769	817	807	1,056	974	710	862	735
WALDO										
A	6	12	7	15	20	8	5	15	10	12
B	19	40	19	19	16	35	30	28	18	15
C	38	47	40	61	59	51	48	32	41	60
D	18	29	63	36	45	37	33	33	47	55
E	8	17	20	60	36	11	13	16	36	60
TITLE 29	42	51	69	67	60	44	58	45	49	100
OTHER	9	23	18	10	12	13	20	17	14	7
TOTAL	140	219	236	268	248	199	207	186	215	309
WASHINGTON										
A	17	15	15	18	14	26	9	13	14	8
B	39	53	31	37	25	64	36	35	38	23
C	47	86	65	93	95	48	76	52	88	75
D	32	27	26	59	69	44	29	21	56	52
E	17	10	15	16	36	17	14	8	20	32
TITLE 29	46	42	30	76	31	74	36	24	72	47
OTHER	10	33	38	32	26	20	23	18	50	32
TOTAL	208	266	220	331	296	293	223	171	338	269
YORK										
A	18	63	49	26	70	21	41	43	39	44
B	139	152	237	167	107	115	155	147	200	137
C	149	235	270	183	108	133	195	191	210	167
D	179	180	236	179	143	204	161	187	228	163
E	101	85	87	70	67	121	75	78	80	82
TITLE 29	529	479	243	296	272	548	434	297	294	318
OTHER	44	68	61	72	79	53	56	58	68	80
TOTAL	1,159	1,262	1,183	993	846	1,195	1,117	1,001	1,119	991

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS
BY TYPE OF RECORDING METHOD*

COURT	COUNTED BY DOCKET NUMBER	COUNTED BY DEFENDANT	% INCREASE IN FILINGS WHEN COUNTED BY DEFENDANT
ANDROSCOGGIN	697	739	6.0
AROOSTOOK	408	408	0.0
CUMBERLAND	1,735	1,813	4.5
FRANKLIN	421	435	3.3
HANCOCK	242	270	11.6
KENNEBEC	775	786	1.4
KNOX	582	585	.5
LINCOLN	311	321	3.2
OXFORD	275	288	4.7
PENOBSCOT	712	712	0.0
PISCATAQUIS	110	110	0.0
SAGADAHOC	296	305	3.0
SOMERSET	806	807	.1
WALDO	245	248	1.2
WASHINGTON	282	296	5.0
YORK	815	846	3.8
STATE TOTAL	8,712	8,969	3.0

* Includes cases filed and refiled

TABLE SC-28

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL PENDING CASELOAD*
AND
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS OF ARREST

COURT	# OF PENDING CASES*			# OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS*			% OF PENDING CASES FOR WHICH COURT MAY NOT BE RESPONSIBLE		
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	552	513	562	142	139	166	25.7	27.1	29.5
AROOSTOOK	389	322	251	102	102	113	26.2	31.7	45.0
CUMBERLAND	1,260	1,163	1,169	347	420	459	27.5	36.1	39.3
FRANKLIN	235	208	262	12	35	49	5.1	16.8	18.7
HANCOCK	228	189	278	61	58	66	26.8	30.7	23.7
KENNEBEC	598	485	444	135	85	32	22.6	17.5	7.2
KNOX	227	278	357	73	79	103	32.2	28.4	28.9
LINCOLN	187	309	282	26	28	53	13.9	9.1	18.8
OXFORD	339	368	316	92	100	119	27.1	27.2	37.7
PENOBSCOT	381	419	309	132	106	80	34.6	25.3	25.9
PISCATAQUIS	99	120	137	19	17	19	19.2	14.2	13.9
SAGADAHOC	167	267	199	14	28	42	8.4	10.5	21.1
SOMERSET	401	356	428	165	198	217	41.1	55.6	50.7
WALDO	178	231	170	56	68	76	31.5	29.4	44.7
WASHINGTON	235	228	255	72	90	91	30.6	39.5	35.7
YORK	855	729	584	232	184	220	27.1	25.2	37.7
STATE TOTAL	6,331	6,185	6,003	1,680	1,737	1,905	26.5	28.1	31.7

* - Number of Pending Cases - counted by defendant, as of December 31st.
- Number of Outstanding Warrants - includes warrants for disposed casesfor which there are outstanding fines, as of December 15th.
- See page 55 for more detailed explanation of this table.

TABLE SC-29

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*
1984

STATE TOTAL	CONVICTED		ACQUITTED		DISMISSED**		OTHER		TOTAL	
TYPE OF CASE	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
BAIL REVIEW	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	193	100.0	193	100.0
TRANSFER	2,381	52.4	111	2.4	1,811	39.8	243	5.3	4,546	100.0
APPEAL	8	4.3	0	0.0	32	17.0	148	78.7	188	100.0
BOUNDOVER	154	47.4	4	1.2	161	49.5	6	1.8	325	100.0
INDICTMENT	2,082	73.8	57	2.0	632	22.4	51	1.8	2,822	100.0
INFORMATION	612	95.5	0	0.0	25	3.9	4	.6	641	100.0
JUVENILE APPEAL	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	100.0	12	100.0
OTHER	5	3.6	1	.7	43	30.7	91	65.0	140	100.0
REFILING-PROBATION REVOCATION	0	0.0	0	0.0	27	10.8	222	89.2	249	100.0
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	12	50.0	2	8.3	8	33.3	2	8.3	24	100.0
TOTAL	5,254	57.5	175	1.9	2,739	30.0	972	10.6	9,140	100.0

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE*
1984

CLASS OF CHARGE	CONVICTED		ACQUITTED		DISMISSED**		OTHER		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
A	285	67.1	20	4.7	100	23.5	20	4.7	425	100.0
B	626	71.4	11	1.3	223	25.4	17	1.9	877	100.0
C	1,267	72.7	24	1.4	407	23.4	44	2.5	1,742	100.0
D	959	51.1	39	2.1	720	38.4	158	8.4	1,876	100.0
E	522	53.1	20	2.0	349	35.5	92	9.4	983	100.0
TITLE 29	1,498	60.3	55	2.2	802	32.3	131	5.3	2,486	100.0
OTHER	97	12.9	6	.8	138	18.4	510	67.9	751	100.0
TOTAL	5,254	57.5	175	2.0	2,739	30.0	972	10.6	9,140	100.0

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding
- See footnote to Table SC-24 for caveat concerning boundover case statistics

** - Dismissed by court or by D.A.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
STATE TOTAL				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	119	1.2	141	1.5
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	39	.4	42	.5
DISMISSED BY COURT	224	2.3	149	1.6
DISMISSED BY D.A. RULE 48(a)	3,035	31.4	2,590	28.3
FILED CASE	135	1.4	168	1.8
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	5	.1	10	.1
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	3	0.0	13 (a)	.1
PROBATION REVOKED	114	1.2	152	1.7
CONVICTED-PLEA	4,981	51.5	4,865	53.2
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	283	2.9	269	2.9
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	123	1.3	120	1.3
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	121	1.3	131	1.4
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	40	.4	47	.5
MISTRIAL	22	.2	16	.2
OTHER	433	4.5	427	4.7
TOTAL	9,677	100.0	9,140	100.0

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding
- Types of dispositions are defined on page 144 of this report.

(a) 8 cases involved one Kennebec defendant.

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
ANDROSCOGGIN				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	2	.3	8	1.2
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	1	.1	2	.3
DISMISSED BY COURT	10	1.4	8	1.2
DISMISSED BY D.A. RULE 48(a)	203	27.7	203	29.4
FILED CASE	10	1.4	29	4.2
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	10	1.4	19	2.8
CONVICTED-PLEA	426	58.1	353	51.2
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	28	3.8	21	3.0
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	9	1.2	2	.3
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	7	1.0	9	1.3
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	3	.4	0	0.0
MISTRIAL	1	.1	2	.3
OTHER	23	3.1	34	4.9
TOTAL	733	100.0	690	100.0
AROOSTOOK				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	10	1.5	12	2.5
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	5	.8	3	.6
DISMISSED BY COURT	10	1.5	17	3.5
DISMISSED BY D.A. RULE 48(a)	203	31.1	112	23.4
FILED CASE	19	2.9	14	2.9
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	5	.8	14	2.9
CONVICTED-PLEA	323	49.5	231	48.2
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	19	2.9	28	5.8
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	7	1.1	9	1.9
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	9	1.4	18	3.8
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	0	0.0	1	.2
MISTRIAL	1	.2	0	0.0
OTHER	41	6.3	20	4.2
TOTAL	652	100.0	479	100.0

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant
- Percentages may not total 100.o due to rounding
- Types of dispositions are defined on page 144 of this report.

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
CUMBERLAND				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	26	1.3	50	2.8
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	7	.3	13	.7
DISMISSED BY COURT	7	.3	19	1.1
DISMISSED BY D.A. RULE 48(a)	798	39.3	599	33.2
FILED CASE	2	.1	3	.2
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	27	1.3	22	1.2
CONVICTED-PLEA	1,014	50.0	973	53.9
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	38	1.9	27	1.5
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	15	.7	9	.5
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	20	1.0	22	1.2
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	3	.1	6	.3
MISTRIAL	1	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	70	3.5	63	3.5
TOTAL	2,028	100.0	1,806	100.0
FRANKLIN				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	17	3.7	4	1.0
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISMISSED BY COURT	10	2.2	5	1.3
DISMISSED BY D.A. RULE 48(a)	145	31.7	108	28.3
FILED CASE	30	6.6	38	10.0
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	2	.5
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	0	0.0	3	.8
CONVICTED-PLEA	217	47.5	194	50.9
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	7	1.5	8	2.1
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	3	.7	0	0.0
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	4	.9	9	2.4
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	5	1.1	2	.5
MISTRIAL	2	.4	1	.3
OTHER	17	3.7	7	1.8
TOTAL	457	100.0	381	100.0

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding
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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
HANCOCK				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	0	0.0	1	.6
DISMISSED BY COURT	4	1.4	2	1.1
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	82	29.0	48	26.5
FILED CASE	6	2.1	11	6.1
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	1	.4	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	1	.4	4	2.2
CONVICTED-PLEA	157	55.5	81	44.8
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	9	3.2	14	7.7
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	4	1.4	2	1.1
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	7	2.5	0	0.0
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	2	.7	1	.6
MISTRIAL	0	0.0	2	1.1
OTHER	10	3.5	15	8.3
TOTAL	283	100.0	181	100.0
KENNEBEC				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	19	2.0	16	1.9
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	14	1.5	10	1.2
DISMISSED BY COURT	99	10.3	4	.5
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	155	16.1	150	18.1
FILED CASE	26	2.7	18	2.2
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	1	.1	1	.1
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	1	.1	12	1.5
PROBATION REVOKED	22	2.3	20	2.4
CONVICTED-PLEA	502	52.2	483	58.4
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	31	3.2	29	3.5
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	11	1.1	16	1.9
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	16	1.7	7	.8
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	4	.4	5	.6
MISTRIAL	2	.2	3	.4
OTHER	58	6.0	53	6.4
TOTAL	961	100.0	827	100.0

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding
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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
KNOX				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	4	1.0	3	.6
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	1	.3	1	.2
DISMISSED BY COURT	26	6.7	14	2.8
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	75	19.4	121	23.9
FILED CASE	1	.3	1	.2
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	0	0.0	11	2.2
CONVICTED-PLEA	243	63.0	327	64.6
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	10	2.6	3	.6
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	7	1.8	4	.8
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	3	.8	1	.2
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	2	.5	2	.4
MISTRIAL	0	0.0	2	.4
OTHER	14	3.6	16	3.2
TOTAL	386	100.0	506	100.0
LINCOLN				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	1	.4	2	.6
DISMISSED BY COURT	0	0.0	8	2.3
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	54	22.6	126	36.2
FILED CASE	0	0.0	0	0.0
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	1	.4	0	0.0
CONVICTED-PLEA	162	67.8	186	53.4
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	6	2.5	3	.9
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	1	.4	6	1.7
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	2	.8	10	2.9
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	0	0.0	2	.6
MISTRIAL	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	12	5.0	5	1.4
TOTAL	239	100.0	348	100.0

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
OXFORD				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	4	1.2	8	2.4
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	1	.3	0	0.0
DISMISSED BY COURT	20	5.8	18	5.3
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	77	22.5	77	22.6
FILED CASE	7	2.0	10	2.9
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	10	2.9	6	1.8
CONVICTED-PLEA	169	49.4	166	48.8
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	21	6.1	18	5.3
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	12	3.5	10	2.9
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	10	2.9	7	2.1
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	2	.6	1	.3
MISTRIAL	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	9	2.6	19	5.6
TOTAL	342	100.0	340	100.0
PENOBSCOT				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	2	.3	1	.1
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	3	.4	5	.6
DISMISSED BY COURT	14	1.9	17	2.1
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	213	28.2	175	21.3
FILED CASE	1	.1	0	0.0
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	1	.1	3	.4
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	13	1.7	12	1.5
CONVICTED-PLEA	371	49.2	500	60.8
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	49	6.5	43	5.2
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	12	1.6	10	1.2
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	10	1.3	16	1.9
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	3	.4	4	.5
MISTRIAL	2	.3	2	.2
OTHER	60	8.0	34	4.1
TOTAL	754	100.0	822	100.0

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
PISCATAQUIS				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISMISSED BY COURT	0	0.0	1	1.1
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	59	52.7	38	40.9
FILED CASE	0	0.0	0	0.0
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	0	0.0	2	2.2
CONVICTED-PLEA	41	36.6	46	49.5
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	1	.9	0	0.0
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	6	5.4	0	0.0
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	1	.9	0	0.0
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	0	0.0	0	0.0
MISTRIAL	0	0.0	1	1.1
OTHER	4	3.6	5	5.4
TOTAL	112	100.0	93	100.0
SAGADAHOC				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	1	.5	3	.8
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	0	0.0	1	.3
DISMISSED BY COURT	0	0.0	13	3.5
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	71	35.5	122	32.7
FILED CASE	0	0.0	0	0.0
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	0	0.0	0	0.0
CONVICTED-PLEA	100	50.0	191	51.2
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	7	3.5	9	2.4
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	5	2.5	12	3.2
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	2	1.0	6	1.6
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	5	2.5	4	1.1
MISTRIAL	4	2.0	1	.3
OTHER	5	2.5	11	2.9
TOTAL	200	100.0	373	100.0

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- Cases counted by defendant
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- Types of dispositions are defined on page 144 of this report.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
SOMERSET				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	30	3.5	31	4.2
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	2	.2	1	.1
DISMISSED BY COURT	1	.1	4	.5
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	191	22.2	162	22.0
FILED CASE	29	3.4	27	3.7
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	14	1.6	12	1.6
CONVICTED-PLEA	515	59.7	415	56.5
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	13	1.5	9	1.2
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	16	1.9	11	1.5
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	7	.8	8	1.1
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	8	.9	7	1.0
MISTRIAL	6	.7	0	0.0
OTHER	30	3.5	48	6.5
TOTAL	862	100.0	735	100.0
WALDO				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISMISSED BY COURT	5	2.3	5	1.6
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	62	29.0	78	25.2
FILED CASE	0	0.0	0	0.0
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	2	.9	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	1	.5	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	1	.5	1	.3
CONVICTED-PLEA	101	47.2	176	57.0
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	17	7.9	17	5.5
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	6	2.8	9	2.9
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	4	1.9	9	2.9
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	2	.9	2	.6
MISTRIAL	2	.9	1	.3
OTHER	11	5.1	11	3.6
TOTAL	214	100.0	309	100.0

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1983 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS	1984 # DISPOSED	% OF DISPOSITIONS
WASHINGTON				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	0	0.0	0	0.0
DISMISSED BY COURT	5	1.5	6	2.2
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	115	34.0	52	19.3
FILED CASE	3	.9	10	3.7
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	4	1.5
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	0	0.0	0	0.0
PROBATION REVOKED	0	0.0	6	2.2
CONVICTED-PLEA	177	52.4	142	52.8
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	8	2.4	15	5.6
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	1	.3	8	3.0
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	11	3.3	4	1.5
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	0	0.0	1	.4
MISTRIAL	1	.3	1	.4
OTHER	17	5.0	20	7.4
TOTAL	338	100.0	269	100.0
YORK				
DISTRICT COURT BAIL REVISED	4	.4	5	.5
DISTRICT COURT BAIL AFFIRMED	4	.4	3	.3
DISMISSED BY COURT	13	1.2	8	.8
DISMISSED BY D.A RULE 48(a)	532	47.7	419	42.7
FILED CASE	1	.1	7	.7
JUVENILE APPEAL DISPOSITIONS	0	0.0	0	0.0
NOT GUILTY, REASON OF INSANITY	1	.1	1	.1
PROBATION REVOKED	10	.9	20	2.0
CONVICTED-PLEA	463	41.5	401	40.9
CONVICTED-JURY TRIAL	19	1.7	25	2.5
CONVICTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	8	.7	12	1.2
ACQUITTED-JURY TRIAL	8	.7	5	.5
ACQUITTED-JURY WAIVED TRIAL	1	.1	9	.9
MISTRIAL	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	52	4.7	66	6.7
TOTAL	1,116	100.0	981	100.0

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled
- Cases counted by defendant
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding
- Types of dispositions are defined on page 144 of this report.

TABLE SC-31

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS*

	1980		1981		1982		1983		1984	
	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS
ANDROSCOGGIN	55	67.5	36	57.5	34	61.5	35	67.0	33	50.0
AROOSTOOK	24	32.0	32	36.0	32	44.0	31	40.0	42	42.5
CUMBERLAND	47	102.5	52	126.5	46	98.0	61	146.5	53	105.5
FRANKLIN	20	25.5	21	32.0	22	30.5	15	22.0	19	32.5
HANCOCK	18	30.0	16	20.0	20	32.0	15	18.0	17	34.0
KENNEBEC	55	87.0	54	54.5	48	73.0	48	68.0	36	62.0
KNOX	15	24.0	13	33.0	11	27.0	12	14.5	11	15.0
LINCOLN	13	24.5	17	44.0	10	12.0	9	23.5	16	27.5
OXFORD	19	22.0	21	23.0	24	30.0	29	38.5	19	49.5
PENOBSCOT	57	87.0	66	101.0	79	124.0	62	92.5	57	89.0
PISCATAQUIS	6	9.0	3	5.0	5	8.5	2	2.0	2	7.0
SAGADAHOC	20	21.0	12	18.0	10	15.0	7	16.0	15	24.0
SOMERSET	39	49.0	35	54.5	20	34.5	23	32.5	15	28.5
WALDO	18	24.5	12	16.0	10	24.5	19	23.5	29	27.0
WASHINGTON	25	28.5	26	41.0	30	43.0	27	26.0	18	34.5
YORK	40	68.5	40	60.0	42	80.5	28	59.0	26	32.0
STATE TOTAL	471	702.5	456	722.0	443	738.0	423	689.5	408	660.5

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Trials counted by defendant

TABLE SC-32

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS*
BY TYPE OF CASE

	1982			1983			1984		
TYPE OF CASE	# OF JURY TRIALS	# OF JURY TRIAL DAYS	% OF ALL JURY TRIALS	# OF JURY TRIALS	# OF JURY TRIAL DAYS	% OF ALL JURY TRIALS	# OF JURY TRIALS	# OF JURY TRIAL DAYS	% OF ALL JURY TRIALS
BAIL REVIEW	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
TRANSFER	174	208.0	39.3	185	220.5	43.7	196	218.0	48.0
APPEAL	40	52.0	9.0	5	5.5	1.2	0	0.0	0.0
BOUNDOVER	22	42.5	5.0	12	26.0	2.8	12	31.0	2.9
INDICTMENT	193	405.0	43.6	204	396.0	48.2	184	377.5	45.1
INFORMATION	6	14.5	1.4	4	9.0	.9	8	11.0	2.0
JUVENILE APPEAL	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
OTHER	0	0.0	0.0	1	4.0	.2	2	16.0	.5
REFILING-PROBATION REVOCATION	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
REFILING-NEW TRIAL	8	16.0	1.8	12	28.5	2.8	6	7.0	1.5
STATE TOTAL	443	738.0	100.0	423	689.5	100.0	408	660.5	100.0

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Trials counted by defendant
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding
- The boundovers are cases which were originally filed in the Superior Court as boundovers from the District Court but which resulted in indictments in the Superior Court. (See Table SC-25)

TABLE SC-33

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL JURY WAIVED TRIALS*

	1980		1981		1982		1983		1984	
	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS	# OF TRIALS	# OF DAYS
ANDROSCOGGIN	9	5.5	5	3.5	9	5.0	8	5.5	1	.5
AROOSTOOK	6	8.5	9	5.5	10	6.5	5	2.5	9	5.5
CUMBERLAND	32	26.5	20	19.5	12	15.0	15	17.0	14	15.0
FRANKLIN	7	5.0	12	6.0	6	3.5	8	4.5	2	1.0
HANCOCK	8	10.5	1	.5	0	0.0	6	3.0	2	3.5
KENNEBEC	23	16.5	15	10.0	13	8.5	18	12.5	16	13.0
KNOX	14	7.5	8	5.5	6	4.0	6	6.0	6	4.0
LINCOLN	9	4.5	10	5.0	3	2.5	0	0.0	7	4.0
OXFORD	9	5.0	5	3.0	5	2.5	6	3.5	5	4.0
PENOBSCOT	42	34.0	23	22.5	20	23.5	15	13.5	12	15.0
PISCATAQUIS	0	0.0	2	1.0	0	0.0	2	1.0	0	0.0
SAGADAHOC	10	7.0	9	5.0	5	5.0	13	8.5	16	9.0
SOMERSET	10	6.5	19	12.0	19	10.0	24	12.0	18	10.0
WALDO	5	4.0	4	4.5	3	2.5	8	6.5	6	3.0
WASHINGTON	4	10.0	3	1.5	7	3.5	1	.5	7	3.5
YORK	7	5.5	11	6.5	9	9.0	12	11.0	20	24.5
STATE TOTAL	195	156.5	156	111.5	127	101.0	147	107.5	141	115.5

* - Includes cases filed and refiled
- Trials counted by defendant

TABLE SC-34

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL
AVERAGE TIME TO JURY TRIAL*

	INDICTMENTS AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FIRST APPEARANCE TO JURY TRIAL			TRANSFERS AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING TO JURY TRIAL		
COURT	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	239	321	168	145	237	118
AROOSTOOK	198	226	148	224	143	187
CUMBERLAND	172	183	189	146	199	176
FRANKLIN	139	269	116	208	167	256
HANCOCK	331	131	380	336	404	214
KENNEBEC	126	208	199	141	181	181
KNOX	96	326	122	327	346	98
LINCOLN	246	257	292	271	191	366
OXFORD	277	322	244	241	301	370
PENOBSCOT	212	213	194	123	126	162
PISCATAQUIS	214	0	214	140	206	0
SAGADAHOC	152	235	158	145	153	227
SOMERSET	139	152	119	90	123	88
WALDO	188	401	159	145	150	156
WASHINGTON	293	177	250	294	183	160
YORK	118	217	202	256	116	90
STATE TOTAL	202	221	196	181	195	188

* - Cases counted by defendant
- Cases in which more than 15 days elapsed between the date of capias issuance and the first appearance date are not included. Also, any case in which more than 999 days has elapsed is recorded only as 999 days
- The "indictments" category does not include indictments in cases originally filed in Superior Court as boundovers from District Court

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SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL
AVERAGE TIME TO DISPOSITION*

COURT	INDICTMENTS			TRANSFERS		
	AVERAGE # OF DAYS FROM FIRST APPEARANCE TO DISPOSITION			AVERAGE # OF DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION		
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
ANDROSCOGGIN	196	200	143	217	191	167
AROOSTOOK	146	147	92	161	135	113
CUMBERLAND	136	157	121	151	171	138
FRANKLIN	153	167	142	157	138	157
HANCOCK	166	129	209	223	202	237
KENNEBEC	133	136	98	122	248	131
KNOX	119	175	126	116	195	108
LINCOLN	149	110	217	152	201	324
OXFORD	185	236	289	181	248	323
PENOBSCOT	161	141	130	95	108	112
PISCATAQUIS	231	204	171	218	152	207
SAGADAHOC	178	191	176	135	194	215
SOMERSET	75	93	108	89	86	67
WALDO	143	173	174	94	146	154
WASHINGTON	255	178	155	234	139	121
YORK	104	163	191	239	169	119
STATE TOTAL	149	159	144	151	167	148

* - Cases counted by defendant
- Cases in which more than 15 days elapsed between the date of capias issuance and the first appearance date are not included. Also, any case in which more than 999 days has elapsed is recorded only as 999 days
- The "indictments" category does not include indictments in cases originally filed in Superior Court as boundovers from District Court

CRIMINAL CASELOAD TIME REPORT
ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION *
1984

	FILING OR FIRST APPEARANCE TO DISPOSITION*				
	# OF CASES 0-30 DAYS	# OF CASES 31-60 DAYS	# OF CASES 61-90 DAYS	# OF CASES 91-120 DAYS	# OF CASES 121 DAYS-UP
ANDROSCOGGIN					
-INDICTMENTS	12	34	46	39	89
-TRANSFERS	12	16	66	48	164
AROOSTOOK					
-INDICTMENTS	34	28	14	25	30
-TRANSFERS	49	39	32	24	72
CUMBERLAND					
-INDICTMENTS	87	51	104	84	262
-TRANSFERS	25	32	160	171	376
FRANKLIN					
-INDICTMENTS	4	2	7	6	27
-TRANSFERS	20	4	13	54	175
HANCOCK					
-INDICTMENTS	8	6	2	3	49
-TRANSFERS	2	3	6	5	57
KENNEBEC					
-INDICTMENTS	73	26	16	18	54
-TRANSFERS	52	78	82	58	182
KNOX					
-INDICTMENTS	7	14	8	4	27
-TRANSFERS	17	59	83	80	101
LINCOLN					
-INDICTMENTS	13	2	3	2	33
-TRANSFERS	7	11	2	3	195
OXFORD					
-INDICTMENTS	9	3	7	5	71
-TRANSFERS	7	7	4	1	117
PENOBSCOT					
-INDICTMENTS	58	63	56	55	145
-TRANSFERS	44	49	41	30	90

* - See notes on following page

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CRIMINAL CASELOAD TIME REPORT
ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION*
1984

	FILING OR FIRST APPEARANCE TO DISPOSITION*				
	# OF CASES 0-30 DAYS	# OF CASES 31-60 DAYS	# OF CASES 61-90 DAYS	# OF CASES 91-120 DAYS	# OF CASES 121 DAYS-UP
PISCATAQUIS					
-INDICTMENTS	4	0	3	2	9
-TRANSFERS	1	2	11	0	30
SAGADAHOC					
-INDICTMENTS	8	1	12	9	27
-TRANSFERS	5	5	17	16	184
SOMERSET					
-INDICTMENTS	16	17	17	8	21
-TRANSFERS	67	178	133	55	29
WALDO					
-INDICTMENTS	3	7	11	11	34
-TRANSFERS	2	34	21	18	98
WASHINGTON					
-INDICTMENTS	7	11	5	12	44
-TRANSFERS	6	17	32	15	47
YORK					
-INDICTMENTS	35	11	24	33	146
-TRANSFERS	36	70	94	57	118
STATE TOTAL					
-INDICTMENTS	378	276	335	316	1,068
-TRANSFERS	352	604	797	635	2,035

* - Cases counted by defendant
- Indictments measured from first appearance date
- Transfers measured from filing date
- Cases in which more than 15 days elapsed between the date of capias issuance and the first appearance date are not included. Also, any case in which more than 999 days has elapsed is recorded only as 999 days
- The "indictments" category does not include indictments in cases originally filed in Superior Court as boundovers from District Court

CRIMINAL DEFINITIONS

REFILING:

These are matters which have been previously disposed and which have been brought before the Superior Court for further action. For statistical purposes, such matters are limited to the following circumstances:

1. When a case remanded to the District Court returns to the Superior Court for further action.
2. When a case appealed to the Law Court returns to the Superior Court for further action.
3. When a mistrial occurs and a second trial is required; when a motion for a new trial is granted; or when a case, for any other reason, requires a trial after its original disposition.
4. When a probation revocation is filed.

TYPE OF CASE:

1. Bail Review: Review and hearing of bail set in the District Court by a justice of the Superior Court.
2. Transfer: A criminal matter removed from the District Court to the Superior Court after the defendant has been arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty in the District Court.
3. Appeal: A criminal matter removed from the District Court to the Superior Court after judgment has been entered in the District Court.
4. Boundover: An action filed in the Superior Court after probable cause has been found in the District Court, even if an indictment is filed subsequently.
5. Indictment: An action brought to the Superior Court for determination after the Grand Jury has found that the prosecutor has sufficient evidence to bring the case to trial.
6. Information: An action brought to the Superior Court for trial after the defendant has waived his right to be indicted by the Grand Jury and allows the prosecutor to proceed on a complaint describing the alleged offense.
7. Juvenile Appeal: A juvenile case removed to the Superior Court for review after judgment has been entered in the juvenile court.
8. Other: An action which is not included in any of the above categories, (e.g., motions to suppress in a District Court case, reviews of indigency determination, post-conviction reviews).

9. Refiling-Probation Revocation: A petition to revoke probation.

10. Refiling-New Trial: A previously tried matter requires retrial.

TYPE OF DISPOSITION:

1. District Court Bail Revised: Bail set by the District Court is changed by a justice of the Superior Court.

2. District Court Bail Affirmed: Bail set by the District Court is maintained at the same level by a justice of the Superior Court.

3. Dismissed By Court: Dismissed by a justice of the Superior Court.

4. Dismissed by D.A. Rule 48(a): Dismissed by the District Attorney.

5. Filed Case: Upon consent of the defendant and District Attorney, the case is terminated without final judgment of guilt or innocence.

6. Juvenile Appeal Dispositions: A Superior Court justice affirms the order of adjudication of a juvenile crime and any other orders, or reverses the juvenile order and remands the matter for further proceedings.

7. Not Guilty, Reason Of Insanity: The judgment reflects a finding of insanity by either the court or a jury.

8. Probation Revoked: A justice finds that probation conditions have been violated and probation is revoked.

9. Convicted: There is a finding of guilty by either the court or a jury.

10. Acquitted: There is a finding of not guilty by either the court or a jury.

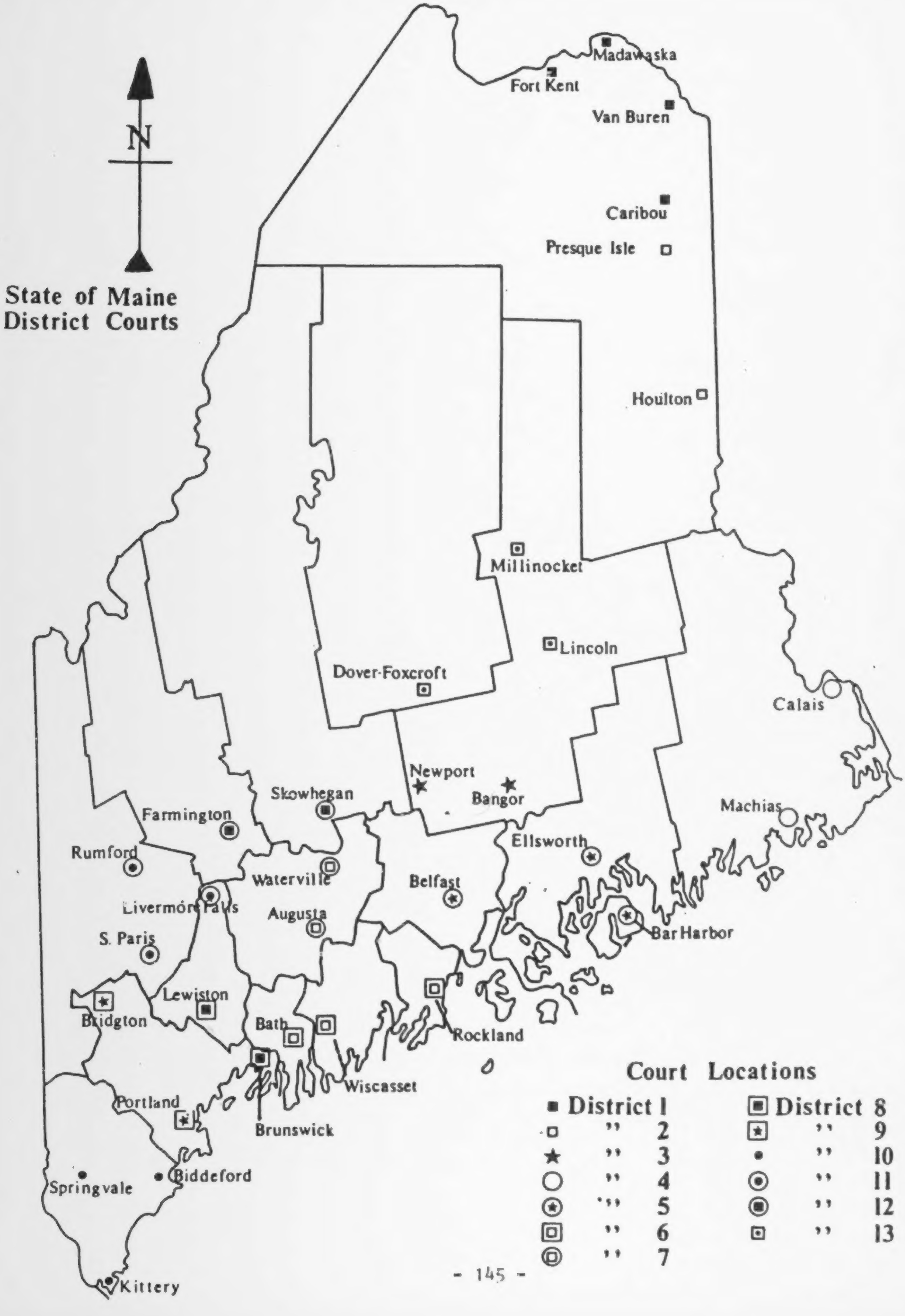
11. Mistrial: A justice rules that an erroneous or invalid trial has occurred.

12. Other: A disposition which is not included in any of the above categories (e.g., change of venue).

Appendix III

District Court Caseload Statistics

State of Maine District Courts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Farmington
Machias
Ellsworth
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Waterville
Belfast
Livermore Falls
Augusta
Bar Harbor
S. Paris
Lewiston
Bridgton
Bath
Rockland
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Court Locations
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MAINE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

Hon. Bernard M. Devine, Chief Judge

	Court Locations
District 1 Hon. Ronald A. Daigle (sworn in 2/4/84)	Caribou Fort Kent Madawaska Van Buren
District 2 Hon. Julian W. Turner	Houlton Presque Isle
District 3 Hon. Eugene W. Beaulieu Hon. David M. Cox (sworn in 1/27/84)	Bangor Newport
District 4 Hon. Earl J. Wahl	Calais Machias
District 5 Hon. Jack O. Smith	Bar Harbor Belfast Ellsworth
District 6 Hon. Alan C. Pease, Deputy Chief Judge	Bath Brunswick Rockland Wiscasset
District 7 Hon. Courtland D. Perry, II	Augusta Waterville

	Court Locations
District 8 Hon. L. Damon Scales, Jr.	Lewiston
District 9 Hon. Robert W. Donovan	Bridgton Portland
District 10 Hon. Roland A. Cole	Biddeford Kittery Springvale
District 11 Hon. John L. Batherson	Livermore Falls Rumford South Paris
District 12 Hon. John W. Benoit, Jr.	Farmington Skowhegan
District 13 Hon. Susan W. Calkins	Dover-Foxcroft Lincoln Millinocket

Judges at Large

Hon. Harriet P. Henry
Hon. Ronald L. Kellam
Hon. Millard E. Emanuelson (retired 11/30/84)
Hon. Ronald D. Russell
Hon. Clifford F. O'Rourke
Hon. Edward F. Gaulin (sworn in 4/26/84)
Hon. John B. Beliveau (sworn in 9/21/84)

Active-Retired Judges

Hon. Roland J. Poulin
Hon. Paul A. MacDonald
Hon. Israel Alpren (term expired 5/3/84)
Hon. Edwin R. Smith
Hon. Arthur A. Nadeau, Jr.
Hon. Simon Spill
Hon. F. Davis Clark

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MAINE DISTRICT COURT CLERKS

	Court Location
District 1	
Norma A. Duheme	Caribou
Geneva L. Desjardin	Fort Kent
Norma H. Gerard	Madawaska
Carmen D. Cyr	Van Buren
District 2	
Joan H. Burton	Houlton
Bonnie A. Clayton	Presque Isle
District 3	
Thelma A. Holmes	Bangor
Jane C. Sawyer	Newport
District 4	
Elsie L. McGarrigle	Calais
Annie H. Hanscom	Machias
District 5	
Margaret H. Dorr	Bar Harbor
Donna M. Bonney	Belfast
Margaret H. Dorr	Ellsworth
District 6	
Ann G. Feeney	Bath
Susan L. Arnold	Brunswick
Mary C. Ledger	Rockland
Lucy A. Russell	Wiscasset
District 7	
Mary L. Godbout	Augusta
June H. L'Heureux (resigned 7/31/84)	Waterville
Judy L. Case (appointed 6/18/84)	Waterville

	Court Location
District 8	
Yvette L. Houle	Lewiston
District 9	
Beverly J. MacKerron	Bridgton
Susan E. MacDonald	Portland
District 10	
Vivian M. Hickey	Biddeford
Beryl P. Hill (retired 2/3/84)	Kittery
Laurel D. Kent (appointed 2/4/84)	Kittery
Alice A. Monroe	Springvale
District 11	
Dolores T. Richards	Livermore Falls
Eleanor S. Marsanskis (retired 1/6/84)	Rumford
Laura J. Nokes (appointed 1/7/84)	Rumford
Joan C. Millett	South Paris
District 12	
Constance H. Small	Farmington
Sandra F. Carroll	Skowhegan
District 13	
Margaret E. Poulin	Dover-Foxcroft
Ann G. Coolong	Lincoln
Nancy L. Turmel	Millinocket

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS

The District Court Statistical Reporting System was established in July 1978 to collect information concerning filings, dispositions and various caseload activities by type of case, although the reporting of gross filings and dispositions began in fiscal year 1975. Beginning in 1982, only those statistics relating to filings, dispositions and waivers have been collected. The system is a totally manual operation; monthly statistical forms are completed by each District Court clerk and submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts for manual compilation and analysis on a quarterly and annual basis. Some discrepancies have arisen during the past several years, primarily due to the enormous volume of cases being manually tallied. While the statistics may be less than 100% accurate, they do nevertheless indicate gross trends since 1980.

It should be noted that much judge and clerk activity occurs after judgment is entered and the case is reported as disposed which is not reflected in these figures. For instance, many divorce cases may require the processing and hearing of numerous motions which are not reported in the caseload statistics. Similarly, when judgment is entered in a small claims case, a disclosure (money judgment) is often filed, requiring a separate filing fee and considerable judge and clerk time. Since the disclosure is filed under the original small claims case docket number, it is never included as a distinct case in the caseload statistics.

The following tables present statistics relating to District Court filings and dispositions for 11 case type categories, waivers and electronic recordings. Footnotes for these tables appear on page 170 of this report. Case type definitions appear on page 171.

Two tables may need clarification. Table DC-3 (Filings, Excluding "Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions") was prepared because civil violations and traffic infractions generally require little judge-time and less than average clerk time than other types of cases. Table DC-6 (Waivers) are disposed cases in which the defendant waives court appearance in favor of paying a fine. The bulk of these waivers are for civil violations and traffic infraction cases, but some sea and shore, and fish and game waivers are also included.

DISTRICT COURT
TOTAL FILINGS

TABLE DC-1

		1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
DISTRICT 1:	CARIBOU	3,683	3,459	3,577	2,809	2,528	-10.0
	FORT KENT	1,394	1,618	1,234	1,237	957	-22.6
	MADAWASKA	1,819	1,458	1,312	1,295	1,070	-17.4
	VAN BUREN (a)	375	499	345	301	280	-7.0
	SUB TOTAL	7,271	7,034	6,468	5,642	4,835	-14.3
DISTRICT 2:	HOULTON	5,125	5,863	4,630	3,795	3,183	-16.1
	PRESQUE ISLE	5,487	5,151	4,591	4,603	4,444	-3.5
	SUB TOTAL	10,612	11,014	9,221	8,398	7,627	-9.2
DISTRICT 3:	BANGOR	16,172	15,920	16,123	15,071	15,408	2.2
	NEWPORT	4,998	3,931	3,497	3,988	4,030	1.1
	SUB TOTAL	21,170	19,851	19,620	19,059	19,438	2.0
DISTRICT 4:	CALAIS	2,858	2,690	2,600	3,182	2,905	-8.7
	MACHIAS	2,506	2,182	2,683	2,742	2,389	-12.9
	SUB TOTAL	5,364	4,872	5,283	5,924	5,294	-10.6
DISTRICT 5:	BAR HARBOR	1,437	1,486	1,442	1,186	1,245	5.0
	BELFAST (d)	4,379	4,421	4,244	3,766	3,229	-14.3
	ELLSWORTH	5,486	5,668	6,458	6,251	5,620	-10.1
	SUB TOTAL	11,302	11,575	12,144	11,203	10,094	-9.9
DISTRICT 6:	BATH	6,882	6,548	5,480	6,254	4,734	-24.3
	ROCKLAND	5,575	5,474	5,972	5,311	6,252	17.7
	WISCASSET	4,609	4,718	4,753	4,536	3,897	-14.1
	SUB TOTAL	17,066	16,740	16,205	16,101	14,883	-7.6
DISTRICT 7:	AUGUSTA	16,586	15,336	14,387	13,345	13,454	.8
	WATERVILLE	6,810	7,083	7,363	8,398	8,237	-1.9
	SUB TOTAL	23,396	22,419	21,750	21,743	21,691	-.2
DISTRICT 8:	BRUNSWICK (i)	9,885	9,190	8,578	9,028	7,343	-18.7
	LEWISTON	17,819	17,320	16,850	17,834	17,875	.2
	SUB TOTAL	27,704	26,510	25,428	26,862	25,218	-6.1
DISTRICT 9:	BRIDGTON	3,488	2,996	2,871	3,155	2,988	-5.3
	PORTLAND	37,811	40,290	37,361	44,344	41,057	-7.4
	SUB TOTAL	41,299	43,286	40,232	47,499	44,045	-7.3
DISTRICT 10:	BIDDEFORD	17,851	17,653	14,625	16,631	18,115	8.9
	KITTERY	9,841	9,314	9,191	11,803	13,178	11.6
	SPRINGVALE	7,150	6,658	6,162	7,675	7,245	-5.6
	SUB TOTAL	34,842	33,625	29,978	36,109	38,538	6.7
DISTRICT 11:	LIVERMORE FALLS	1,473	1,600	1,638	1,536	1,577	2.7
	RUMFORD	3,805	3,760	3,591	3,258	2,743	-15.8
	SOUTH PARIS	2,858	2,800	2,983	3,189	2,793	-12.4
	SUB TOTAL	8,136	8,160	8,212	7,983	7,113	-10.9
DISTRICT 12:	FARMINGTON	4,031	5,107	4,891	4,440	4,632	4.3
	SKOWHEGAN	8,794	9,248	7,738	8,304	8,669	4.4
	SUB TOTAL	12,825	14,355	12,629	12,744	13,301	4.4
DISTRICT 13:	DOVER-FOXCROFT	2,998	2,856	3,019	3,061	3,048	-.4
	LINCOLN	4,027	3,361	3,274	3,168	3,227	1.9
	MILLINOCKET	3,145	2,865	2,008	2,424	2,365	-2.4
	SUB TOTAL	10,170	9,082	8,301	8,653	8,640	-.2
STATE TOTAL		231,157	228,523	215,471	227,920	220,717	-3.2

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DISTRICT COURT
TOTAL FILINGS IN THE TEN LARGEST COURT LOCATIONS
1980-1984

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
AUGUSTA	16,586	15,336	14,387	13,345	13,454
BANGOR	16,172	15,920	16,123	15,071	15,408
BIDDEFORD	17,851	17,653	14,625	16,631	18,115
BRUNSWICK (i)	9,885	9,190	8,578	9,028	7,343
KITTERY	9,841	9,314	9,191	11,803	13,178
LEWISTON	17,819	17,320	16,850	17,834	17,875
PORTLAND	37,811	40,290	37,361	44,344	41,057
SKOWHEGAN	8,794	9,248	7,738	8,304	8,669
SPRINGVALE	7,150	6,658	6,162	7,675	7,245
WATERVILLE	6,810	7,083	7,363	8,398	8,237
TOTAL	148,719	148,012	138,378	152,433	150,581
% of Total District Court Filings	64.3	64.8	64.2	66.9	68.2

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TABLE DC-3

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS
EXCLUDING "CIVIL VIOLATIONS AND TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS"

		1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
DISTRICT 1:	CARIBOU	2,576	2,487	2,376	1,825	1,641	-10.1
	FORT KENT	935	935	671	646	447	-30.8
	MADAWASKA	1,301	969	859	974	792	-18.7
	VAN BUREN (a)	230	267	210	157	152	-3.2
	SUB TOTAL	5,042	4,658	4,116	3,602	3,032	-15.8
DISTRICT 2:	HOULTON	3,133	3,702	3,198	2,516	2,108	-16.2
	PRESQUE ISLE	3,862	3,706	3,374	3,294	3,143	-4.6
	SUB TOTAL	6,995	7,408	6,572	5,810	5,251	-9.6
DISTRICT 3:	BANGOR	10,785	10,431	10,436	10,038	9,823	-2.1
	NEWPORT	2,091	1.902	1.659	1.814	1.788	-1.4
	SUB TOTAL	12,876	12,333	12,095	11,852	11,611	-2.0
DISTRICT 4:	CALAIS	1,985	2,035	2,002	2,080	2,001	-3.8
	MACHIAS	1,733	1,656	2,078	2,041	1,878	-8.0
	SUB TOTAL	3,718	3,691	4,080	4,121	3,879	-5.9
DISTRICT 5:	BAR HARBOR	922	914	839	762	863	13.3
	BELFAST (d)	3,159	3,067	2,937	2,700	2,388	-11.6
	ELLSWORTH	3,654	3,677	3,959	3,784	3,471	-8.3
	SUB TOTAL	7,735	7,658	7,735	7,246	6,722	-7.2
DISTRICT 6:	BATH	3,635	3,592	3,282	3,095	2,549	-17.6
	ROCKLAND	4,286	4,078	4,325	4,031	4,486	11.3
	WISCASSET	2,829	2,973	3,034	2,761	2,432	-11.9
	SUB TOTAL	10,750	10,643	10,641	9,887	9,467	-4.2
DISTRICT 7:	AUGUSTA	8,528	9,563	7,728	7,752	7,365	-5.0
	WATERVILLE	4,759	5,180	5,363	5,471	5,387	-1.5
	SUB TOTAL	13,287	14,743	13,091	13,223	12,752	-3.6
DISTRICT 8:	BRUNSWICK (i)	4,350	4,644	4,020	4,093	3,231	-21.1
	LEWISTON	11,333	12,081	11,260	10,267	9,290	-9.5
	SUB TOTAL	15,683	16,725	15,280	14,360	12,521	-12.8
DISTRICT 9:	BRIDGTON	1,737	1,692	1,951	1,972	1,837	-6.8
	PORTLAND	21,867	24,130	21,673	23,526	21,551	-8.4
	SUB TOTAL	23,604	25,822	23,624	25,498	23,388	-8.3
DISTRICT 10:	BIDDEFORD	9,027	9,058	8,796	8,986	9,419	4.8
	KITTERY	5,703	5,927	5,986	7,310	7,391	1.1
	SPRINGVALE	4,408	4,405	4,196	4,710	4,663	-1.0
	SUB TOTAL	19.138	19.390	18,978	21.006	21.473	2.2
DISTRICT 11:	LIVERMORE FALLS	868	1,188	1,052	920	837	-9.0
	RUMFORD	3,042	2,868	2,636	2,261	2,031	-10.2
	SOUTH PARIS	2,208	2,334	2,468	2,646	2,108	-20.3
	SUB TOTAL	6,118	6,390	6,156	5,827	4,976	-14.6
DISTRICT 12:	FARMINGTON	2,717	3,019	3,077	2,794	2,919	4.5
	SKOWHEGAN	5,267	5,718	5,137	5,588	5,448	-2.5
	SUB TOTAL	7,984	8,737	8,214	8,382	8,367	-.2
DISTRICT 13:	DOVER-FOXCROFT	2,325	2,315	2,265	2,112	2,013	-4.7
	LINCOLN	1,529	1,352	1,470	1,283	1,291	.6
	MILLINOCKET	2,021	1,901	1,371	1,561	1,559	-.1
	SUB TOTAL	5,875	5,568	5,106	4,956	4,863	-1.9
STATE TOTAL		138.805	143,766	135,688	135,770	128,302	-5.5

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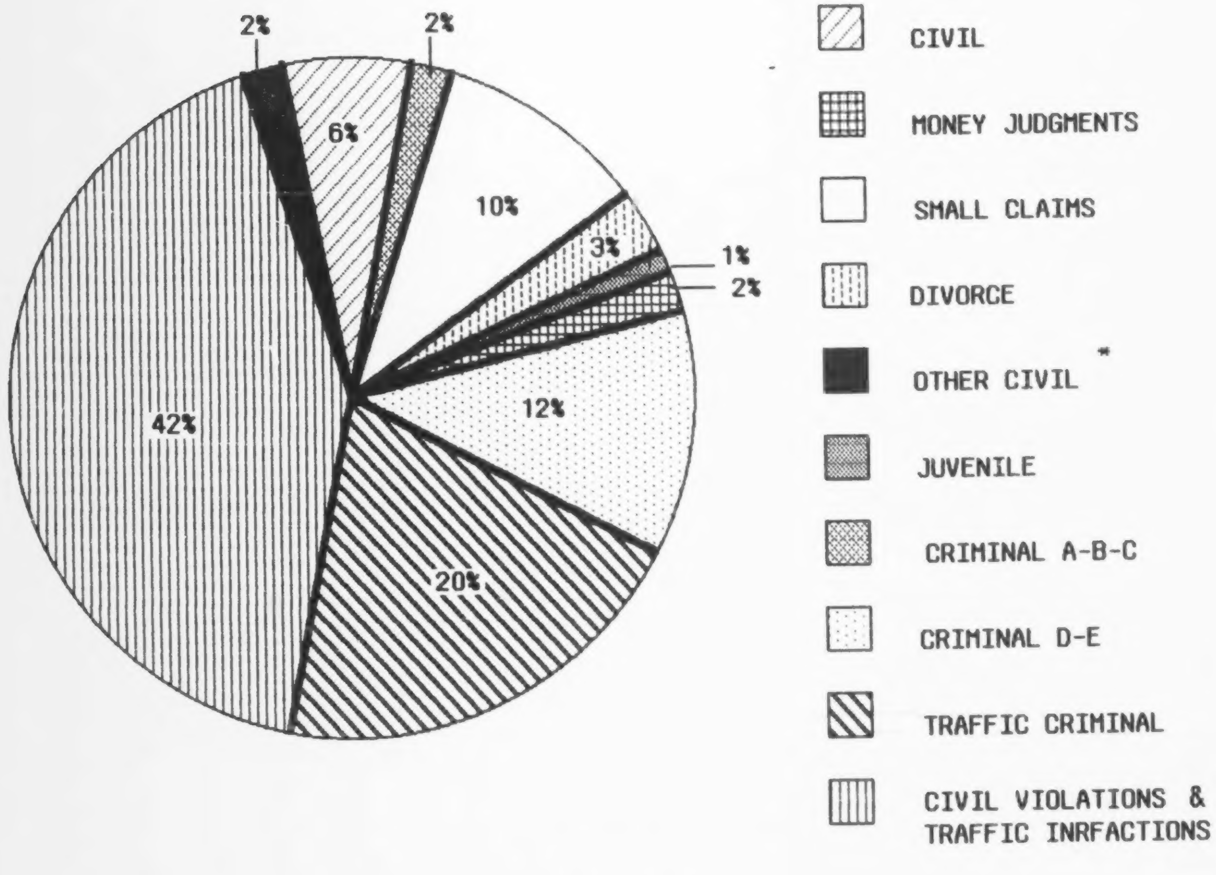
GRAPH DC-4

1984 DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD



* INCLUDES FAMILY ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

TABLE DC-5

DISTRICT COURT
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE

FILINGS

STATE TOTAL	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
- Civil	14,013	14,542	13,324	12,481	12,263	-1.8
- Family Abuse (b)	0	0	1,574	2,107	2,556	21.3
- Money Judgments	6,821	5,530	4,705	4,463	3,883	-13.0
- Small Claims	20,132	21,063	22,174	24,051	22,718	-5.5
- Divorce	7,591	7,742	6,992	7,001	7,511	7.3
- Mental Health	899	682	811	720	1,054	46.4
Sub Total	49,456	49,559	49,580	50,823	49,985	-1.7
- Juvenile	3,961	3,864	3,405	3,240	3,065	-5.4
- Criminal A,B,C	3,035	2,962	3,338	3,399	3,556	4.6
- Criminal D,E	26,279	26,521	27,287	27,017	27,418	1.5
- Traffic Criminal	56,074	60,860	52,078	51,291	44,278	-13.7
Sub Total	89,349	94,207	86,108	84,947	78,317	-7.8
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	92,352	84,757	79,783	92,150	92,415	.3
TOTAL FILINGS	231,157	228,523	215,471	227,920	220,717	-3.2

DISPOSITIONS

STATE TOTAL	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	% CHANGE 1983-1984
- Civil	12,457	15,063	14,034	12,781	12,829	.4
- Family Abuse (b)	0	0	1,422	1,954	2,064	5.6
- Money Judgments	6,570	5,675	4,559	4,349	3,576	-17.8
- Small Claims	17,509	18,713	20,742	23,093	20,977	-9.2
- Divorce	7,526	8,454	6,751	6,990	6,840	-2.2
- Mental Health	897	737	760	722	990	37.1
Sub Total	44,959	48,642	48,268	49,889	47,276	-5.2
- Juvenile	3,939	3,795	3,148	3,325	2,920	-12.2
- Criminal A,B,C	2,543	2,871	3,120	3,137	3,113	-.8
- Criminal D,E	25,027	26,368	27,646	26,915	24,664	-8.4
- Traffic Criminal	49,485	58,420	52,827	51,813	44,071	-14.9
Sub Total	80,994	91,454	86,741	85,190	74,768	-12.2
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	96,308	85,996	80,261	89,417	91,173	2.0
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	222,261	226,092	215,270	224,496	213,217	-5.0

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- Case type definitions appear on page 171 of this report

TABLE DC-5
(cont.)

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
CARIBOU-DISTRICT 1										
CIVIL	300	279	290	228	233	296	284	320	275	253
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	26	36	31	0	0	20	26	27
MONEY JUDGMENTS	194	141	132	120	115	194	142	139	123	103
SMALL CLAIMS	640	472	463	366	366	552	495	479	398	342
DIVORCE	198	195	196	199	199	193	197	204	199	193
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,332	1,087	1,107	951	944	1,235	1,118	1,162	1,021	918
JUVENILE	66	60	70	58	54	73	85	63	62	57
CRIMINAL A,B,C	70	41	26	28	26	58	50	32	28	29
CRIMINAL D,E	374	388	304	200	183	377	371	300	213	181
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	734	911	869	588	434	768	932	867	569	398
SUB TOTAL	1,244	1,400	1,269	874	697	1,276	1,438	1,262	872	665
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTION	1,107	972	1,201	984	887	1,117	983	1,185	915	833
TOTAL	3,683	3,459	3,577	2,809	2,528	3,628	3,539	3,609	2,808	2,416
FORT KENT-DISTRICT 1										
JUVENILE	13	8	13	10	6	12	1	12	12	3
CRIMINAL A,B,C	13	11	19	14	7	10	11	18	12	4
CRIMINAL D,E	448	387	337	253	170	450	390	312	250	170
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	461	529	302	369	264	467	494	300	354	257
SUB TOTAL	935	935	671	646	447	939	896	642	628	434
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTION	459	683	563	591	510	453	692	544	575	486
TOTAL	1,394	1,618	1,234	1,237	957	1,392	1,588	1,186	1,203	920
MADAWASKA-DISTRICT 1										
CIVIL	217	181	173	149	128	96	129	114	176	149
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	3	4
MONEY JUDGMENTS	135	134	91	76	46	174	119	97	73	86
SMALL CLAIMS	454	289	272	306	310	583	228	254	239	201
DIVORCE	53	55	58	51	53	42	71	61	64	77
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	859	659	594	585	541	895	547	526	555	517
JUVENILE	12	7	23	26	27	12	7	28	25	25
CRIMINAL A,B,C	7	11	11	13	12	7	11	11	11	12
CRIMINAL D,E	275	185	111	140	88	273	181	111	131	92
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	148	107	120	210	124	153	108	120	202	129
SUB TOTAL	442	310	265	389	251	445	307	270	369	258
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTION	518	489	453	321	278	516	487	452	318	286
TOTAL	1,819	1,458	1,312	1,295	1,070	1,856	794	1,248	1,242	1,061
VAN BUREN-DISTRICT 1(a)										
JUVENILE	7	4	12	11	7	7	4	12	11	5
CRIMINAL A,B,C	19	31	24	51	49	16	31	40	46	31
CRIMINAL D,E	111	124	78	47	66	88	124	68	54	46
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	93	108	96	48	30	73	107	98	58	29
SUB TOTAL	230	267	210	157	152	184	266	218	169	111
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTION	145	232	135	144	128	140	230	132	165	114
TOTAL	375	499	345	301	280	324	496	350	334	225

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
HOULTON-DISTRICT 2 (c)										
CIVIL	364	319	336	307	274	243	334	333	267	249
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	11	25	17	0	0	2	14	9
MONEY JUDGMENTS	221	190	150	173	134	144	135	93	102	95
SMALL CLAIMS	724	453	416	403	422	668	403	344	377	389
DIVORCE	111	103	103	95	95	101	91	98	101	87
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,420	1,065	1,016	1,003	942	1,156	963	870	861	829
JUVENILE	74	119	84	58	32	51	92	90	41	33
CRIMINAL A,B,C	56	84	66	48	54	52	76	55	49	44
CRIMINAL D,E	492	908	531	443	501	458	876	415 (c)	455	460
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,091	1,526	1,501	964	579	1,039	1,520	1,476 (c)	1,134	599
SUB TOTAL	1,713	2,637	2,182	1,513	1,166	1,600	2,564	2,036	1,678	1,136
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,992	2,161	1,432	1,279	1,075	1,988	2,090	1,474	1,329	1,093
TOTAL	5,125	5,863	4,630	3,795	3,183	4,744	5,617	4,380	3,868	3,058
PRESQUE ISLE-DISTRICT 2										
CIVIL	692	762	753	646	594	533	580	718	660	628
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	25	24	39	0	0	22	24	32
MONEY JUDGMENTS	396	410	358	370	293	396	401	351	371	289
SMALL CLAIMS	333	338	333	404	494	335	341	258	321	398
DIVORCE	160	177	148	157	172	122	170	131	164	130
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,581	1,687	1,617	1,601	1,592	1,386	1,492	1,480	1,540	1,477
JUVENILE	97	82	70	58	11	72	73	62	57	37
CRIMINAL A,B,C	11	35	60	70	64	26	50	59	64	55
CRIMINAL D,E	804	676	616	605	512	710	636	622	586	525
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,369	1,226	1,011	960	964	1,340	1,186	965	974	859
SUB TOTAL	2,281	2,019	1,757	1,693	1,551	2,148	1,945	1,708	1,681	1,476
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,625	1,445	1,217	1,309	1,301	1,641	1,480	1,222	1,336	1,314
TOTAL	5,487	5,151	4,591	4,603	4,444	5,175	4,917	4,410	4,557	4,267

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
BANGOR-DISTRICT 3										
CIVIL	1,156	1,481	1,222	1,253	1,152	959	1,583	1,344	1,158	1,074
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	206	221	253	0	0	204	203	228
MONEY JUDGMENTS	439	438	334	311	251	381	512	346	235	233
SMALL CLAIMS	1,403	1,823	2,022	1,608	1,814	932	1,766	1,982	1,850	1,492
DIVORCE	692	567	607	648	622	640	824	560	648	539
MENTAL HEALTH	240	220	222	277	326	243	215	217	295	293
SUB TOTAL	3,930	4,529	4,613	4,318	4,418	3,155	4,900	4,653	4,389	3,859
JUVENILE	438	345	330	294	272	409	433	307	296	264
CRIMINAL A,B,C	247	267	266	248	303	264	274	264	299	263
CRIMINAL D,E	1,854	1,718	2,388	2,600	2,533	1,875	1,695	2,256	2,514	2,463
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	4,316	3,572	2,839	2,578	2,297	4,282	3,426	2,868	2,526	2,261
SUB TOTAL	6,855	5,902	5,823	5,720	5,405	6,830	5,828	5,695	5,635	5,251
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	5,387	5,489	5,687	5,033	5,585	5,376	5,399	5,734	5,093	5,599
TOTAL	16,172	15,920	16,123	15,071	15,408	15,361	16,127	16,082	15,117	14,709
NEWPORT-DISTRICT 3										
CIVIL	103	128	120	119	132	82	108	126	133	153
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	32	47	57	0	0	29	47	51
MONEY JUDGMENTS	91	73	59	46	33	83	69	60	49	36
SMALL CLAIMS	344	293	279	489	383	300	245	264	477	291
DIVORCE	149	137	139	145	138	135	115	128	153	131
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	687	631	629	846	743	600	537	607	859	662
JUVENILE	54	66	46	57	60	49	57	37	51	60
CRIMINAL A,B,C	40	50	40	57	67	33	48	44	50	68
CRIMINAL D,E	457	439	421	296	403	452	436	420	275	379
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	853	716	523	558	515	847	774	536	551	496
SUB TOTAL	1,404	1,271	1,030	968	1,045	1,381	1,315	1,037	927	1,003
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	2,907	2,029	1,838	2,174	2,242	2,757	1,900	1,673	2,051	2,171
TOTAL	4,998	3,931	3,497	3,988	4,030	4,738	3,752	3,317	3,837	3,836

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
CALAIS-DISTRICT 4										
CIVIL	180	211	203	197	159	201	217	223	175	172
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	6	15	36	0	0	5	19	35
MONEY JUDGMENTS	99	78	89	89	51	124	102	119	103	96
SMALL CLAIMS	242	247	320	571	507	246	282	318	630	536
DIVORCE	122	119	95	87	112	115	158	104	101	114
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	643	655	713	959	865	686	759	769	1,028	953
JUVENILE	56	58	48	32	78	59	62	40	53	72
CRIMINAL A,B,C	39	72	37	23	49	41	79	43	26	49
CRIMINAL D,E	669	574	551	465	524	713	587	530	535	492
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	578	676	653	601	485	607	676	616	640	499
SUB TOTAL	1,342	1,380	1,289	1,121	1,136	1,420	1,404	1,229	1,254	1,112
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	873	655	598	1,102	904	865	731	594	995	847
TOTAL	2,858	2,690	2,600	3,182	2,905	2,971	2,894	2,592	3,277	2,912
MACHIAS-DISTRICT 4										
CIVIL	135	151	117	123	95	183	115	132	128	85
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	22	23	30	0	0	21	26	34
MONEY JUDGMENTS	50	39	35	35	26	6	8	5	11	5
SMALL CLAIMS	341	203	398	362	422	244	94	310	329	371
DIVORCE	109	134	93	104	122	132	109	100	116	98
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
SUB TOTAL	635	527	665	647	697	565	326	568	610	594
JUVENILE	21	12	38	34	19	22	6	19	27	21
CRIMINAL A,B,C	38	57	39	42	43	37	50	46	39	49
CRIMINAL D,E	677	678	661	670	671	596	579	685	710	657
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	362	382	675	648	448	362	380	675	683	426
SUB TOTAL	1,098	1,129	1,413	1,394	1,181	1,017	1,015	1,425	1,459	1,153
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	773	526	605	701	511	841	504	636	706	510
TOTAL	2,506	2,182	2,683	2,742	2,389	2,423	1,845	2,629	2,775	2,257

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	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
BAR HARBOR-DISTRICT 5										
CIVIL	77	94	115	67	85	69	60	104	52	86
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	19	5	20	0	0	12	4	14
MONEY JUDGMENTS	57	36	20	13	18	72	37	46	11	11
SMALL CLAIMS	192	157	174	178	124	179	141	191	190	104
DIVORCE	62	88	62	55	66	52	67	79	52	68
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	388	375	390	318	313	372	305	432	309	283
JUVENILE	21	11	30	29	21	29	15	25	27	21
CRIMINAL A,B,C	23	25	15	21	19	25	18	18	15	22
CRIMINAL D,E	230	252	319	281	260	233	221	305	305	260
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	260	251	85	113	250	248	223	83	135	222
SUB TOTAL	534	539	449	444	550	535	477	431	482	525
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	515	572	603	424	382	524	513	615	459	355
TOTAL	1,437	1,486	1,442	1,186	1,245	1,431	1,295	1,478	1,250	1,163
BELFAST-DISTRICT 5										
CIVIL	248	219	228	186	188	238	158	175	76	126
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	17	28	43	0	0	15	16	24
MONEY JUDGMENTS	151	119	66	69	62	120	88	59	52	35
SMALL CLAIMS	695	494	458	652	492	697	428	391	534	465
DIVORCE	182	192	172	167	194	170	156	126	104	173
MENTAL HEALTH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,277	1,024	941	1,102	979	1,225	830	766	782	823
JUVENILE	55	86	95	30	101	55	81	69	63	71
CRIMINAL A,B,C	99	94	78 (d)	47	47	80	90	81	44	38
CRIMINAL D,E	725	733	745 (d)	649	573	681	814	658	639	584
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,003	1,130	1,078	872	688	958	1,152	1,054	852	656
SUB TOTAL	1,882	2,043	1,996	1,598	1,409	1,774	2,137	1,862	1,598	1,349
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,220	1,354	1,307	1,066	841	1,239	1,337	1,279	1,082	736
TOTAL	4,379	4,421	4,244	3,766	3,229	4,238	4,304	3,907	3,462	2,908
ELLSWORTH-DISTRICT 5										
CIVIL	280	259	285	232	264	302	255	296	224	278
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	34	54	62	0	0	27	49	59
MONEY JUDGMENTS	151	115	74	61	77	165	156	149	111	80
SMALL CLAIMS	892	648	747	770	631	820	556	725	722	601
DIVORCE	207	221	222	238	223	213	213	219	213	219
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,530	1,243	1,362	1,355	1,257	1,500	1,180	1,416	1,319	1,237
JUVENILE	93	70	88	114	68	96	67	79	98	96
CRIMINAL A,B,C	72	51	73	63	97	69	53	77	54	79
CRIMINAL D,E	618	728	1,001	884	850	642	650	954	709	726
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,341	1,585	1,435	1,368	1,199	1,360	1,556	1,441	1,379	1,247
SUB TOTAL	2,124	2,434	2,597	2,429	2,214	2,167	2,326	2,551	2,240	2,148
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,832	1,991	2,499	2,467	2,149	1,848	1,911	3,232	2,512	2,213
TOTAL	5,486	5,668	6,458	6,251	5,620	5,515	5,417	7,199	6,071	5,598

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
BATH-DISTRICT 6										
CIVIL	361	373	303	267	296	425	275	403	275	314
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	32	38	46	0	0	22	31	41
MONEY JUDGMENTS	219	138	98	119	101	186	117	67	77	60
SMALL CLAIMS	555	517	524	571	476	525	473	440	535	480
DIVORCE	228	240	215	207	196	249	214	208	204	202
MENTAL HEALTH	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,368	1,268	1,173	1,202	1,115	1,387	1,079	1,141	1,122	1,097
JUVENILE	123	97	129	58	57	131	105	118	52	52
CRIMINAL A,B,C	99	84	112	68	95	91	81	103	62	83
CRIMINAL D,E	512	533	505	439	483	491	505	459	439	485
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,533	1,610	1,363	1,328	799	1,530	1,588	1,318	1,331	822
SUB TOTAL	2,267	2,324	2,109	1,893	1,434	2,243	2,279	1,998	1,884	1,442
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	3,247	2,956	2,198	3,159	2,185	3,261	2,931	2,143	3,103	2,131
TOTAL	6,882	6,548	5,480	6,254	4,734	6,891	6,289	5,282	6,109	4,670
ROCKLAND-DISTRICT 6										
CIVIL	508	446	362	364	339	396	409	345	417	327
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	22	38	64	0	0	14	32	50
MONEY JUDGMENTS	365	243	205	185	135	237	133	140	127	94
SMALL CLAIMS	878	816	1,310	1,161	1,112	727	762	1,186	1,526	1,237
DIVORCE	249	272	227	257	257	236	226	200	254	250
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	2,000	1,777	2,126	2,005	1,907	1,596	1,530	1,885	2,356	1,958
JUVENILE	157	95	106	116	104	155	88	111	118	97
CRIMINAL A,B,C	71	65	109	91	96	78	74	79	118	102
CRIMINAL D,E	715	650	731	598	677	720	643	660	579	641
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,343	1,491	1,253	1,221	1,702	1,340	1,447	1,171	1,204	1,660
SUB TOTAL	2,286	2,301	2,199	2,026	2,579	2,293	2,252	2,021	2,019	2,500
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,289	1,396	1,647	1,280	1,766	1,266	1,378	1,638	1,281	1,609
TOTAL	5,575	5,474	5,972	5,311	6,252	5,155	5,160	5,544	5,656	6,067
WISCASSET-DISTRICT 6										
CIVIL	249	215	202	210	206	177	254	179	226	162
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	31	28	36	0	0	28	23	31
MONEY JUDGMENTS	151	109	70	75	56	123	88	85	65	58
SMALL CLAIMS	635	684	775	519	462	506	591	673	475	409
DIVORCE	191	187	160	158	161	143	158	139	135	128
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,226	1,195	1,241	990	921	949	1,091	1,106	924	788
JUVENILE	63	63	54	77	56	48	44	19	77	35
CRIMINAL A,B,C	58	41	113	111	74	21	40	96	115	72
CRIMINAL D,E	364	389	685	614	626	358	394	562	569	588
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,118	1,285	941	969	755	1,101	1,201	837	941	777
SUB TOTAL	1,603	1,778	1,793	1,771	1,511	1,528	1,679	1,514	1,702	1,472
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,780	1,745	1,719	1,775	1,465	1,734	1,582	1,489	1,693	1,472
TOTAL	4,609	4,718	4,753	4,536	3,897	4,211	4,352	4,109	4,319	3,732

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
AUGUSTA-DISTRICT 7										
CIVIL	865	971	884	782	733	771	781	973	804	741
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	128	174	228	0	0	129	171	193
MONEY JUDGMENTS	418	427	380	330	360	375	663	327	321	387
SMALL CLAIMS	963	1,638	1,274	1,430	1,387	947	1,632	1,502	1,500	1,600
DIVORCE	539	544	444	462	464	505	795	422	474	472
MENTAL HEALTH	256	279	350	246	475	259	332	317	222	445
SUB TOTAL	3,041	3,859	3,460	3,424	3,647	2,857	4,203	3,670	3,492	3,838
JUVENILE	337	349	132	211	239	368	393	186	229	255
CRIMINAL A,B,C	205	188	156	184	211	139	61	162	153	209
CRIMINAL D,E	1,839	1,881	1,807	1,905	1,281	1,639	1,931	1,150	1,414	1,540
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	3,106	3,286	2,173	2,028	1,987	1,288	2,552	1,318	1,785	1,655
SUB TOTAL	5,487	5,704	4,268	4,326	3,718	3,434	4,937	2,816	3,581	3,659
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	8,058	5,773	6,659	5,593	6,089	8,996	7,544	7,267	6,220	5,986
TOTAL	16,586	15,336	14,387	13,345	13,454	15,287	16,684	13,753	13,293	13,483

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
WATERVILLE-DISTRICT 7										
CIVIL	581	533	442	413	381	826	615	668	306	374
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	64	118	110	0	0	42	112	116
MONEY JUDGMENTS	286	192	182	128	128	211	177	235	170	109
SMALL CLAIMS	830	1,216	1,057	1,262	1,018	791	909	933	1,130	1,044
DIVORCE	302	287	246	257	283	342	364	239	217	241
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,999	2,228	1,991	2,178	1,920	2,170	2,065	2,117	1,935	1,884
JUVENILE	159	182	241	181	173	164	160	150	247	128
CRIMINAL A,B,C	108	71	121	158	183	66	62	98	155	177
CRIMINAL D,E	1,123	1,055	1,390	1,574	2,118	702	936	1,223	1,595	1,624
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,370	1,644	1,620	1,380	993	679	1,056	1,177	1,186	1,021
SUB TOTAL	2,760	2,952	3,372	3,293	3,467	1,611	2,214	2,648	3,183	2,950
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	2,051	1,903	2,000	2,927	2,850	1,670	1,361	1,850	2,896	3,315
TOTAL	6,810	7,083	7,363	8,398	8,237	5,451	5,640	6,615	8,014	8,149

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
BRUNSWICK-DISTRICT 8 (i)										
CIVIL	270	301	280	243	223	163	170	204	366	172
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	35	36	46	0	0	19	17	26
MONEY JUDGMENTS	113	114	78	94	47	22	40	23	50	15
SMALL CLAIMS	350	540	524	455	443	308	219	502	400	421
DIVORCE	190	233	199	196	217	180	193	177	185	168
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	923	1,188	1,116	1,024	976	673	622	925	1,018	802
JUVENILE	95	87	73	72	49	93	69	66	61	45
CRIMINAL A,B,C	32	42	79	72	40	31	45	26	48	53
CRIMINAL D,E	842	876	590	503	388	1,239	1,532	606	490	447
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	2,458	2,451	2,162	2,422	1,778	1,194	1,728	1,597	2,016	1,665
SUB TOTAL	3,427	3,456	2,904	3,069	2,255	2,557	3,374	2,295	2,615	2,210
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	5,535	4,546	4,558	4,935	4,112	5,575	4,831	4,788	4,662	4,298
TOTAL	9,885	9,190	8,578	9,028	7,343	8,805	8,827	8,008	8,295	7,310

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
LEWISTON-DISTRICT 8										
CIVIL	1,597	1,700	1,414	1,356	1,402	1,628	1,534	1,350	1,220	1,202
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	249	357	424	0	0	246	276	333
MONEY JUDGMENTS	735	517	414	406	365	927	570	343	335	327
SMALL CLAIMS	1,220	1,367	1,205	1,214	1,250	1,091	1,355	1,185	1,277	1,041
DIVORCE	686	713	626	584	663	821	802	658	687	759
MENTAL HEALTH	12	0	0	0	0	1	14	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	4,250	4,297	3,908	3,917	4,104	4,468	4,275	3,782	3,795	3,662
JUVENILE	345	286	263	280	252	340	258	273	396	282
CRIMINAL A,B,C	316	246	266	270	278	293	238	291	213	192
CRIMINAL D,E	2,074	2,035	2,004	2,226	2,032	2,106	1,781	1,855	1,929	1,926
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	4,348	5,217	4,819	3,574	2,624	4,617	4,999	4,874	3,567	2,533
SUB TOTAL	7,083	7,784	7,352	6,350	5,186	7,356	7,276	7,293	6,105	4,933
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	6,486	5,239	5,590	7,567	8,585	6,500	5,025	5,411	6,979	8,226
TOTAL	17,819	17,320	16,850	17,834	17,875	18,324	16,576	16,486	16,879	16,821

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
BRIDGTON-DISTRICT 9										
CIVIL	141	149	142	124	70	166	193	161	114	87
FAMILY ABUSE(b)	0	0	16	21	36	0	0	0	22	33
MONEY JUDGMENTS	54	58	37	34	25	53	65	29	47	35
SMALL CLAIMS	342	210	281	308	313	255	292	43	378	322
DIVORCE	115	110	112	109	114	113	122	200	118	90
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	0	0
SUB TOTAL	652	527	588	596	558	587	672	542	679	567
JUVENILE	71	124	72	40	22	66	91	84	64	35
CRIMINAL A,B,C	79	55	72	39	36	61	38	67	37	45
CRIMINAL D,E	445	417	720 (f)	373	428	461	404	767	416	444
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	490	569	499 (f)	924	793	394	449	357	759	764
SUB TOTAL	1,085	1,165	1,363	1,376	1,279	982	982	1,275	1,276	1,288
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,751	1,304	920	1,183	1,151	1,761	1,373	883	1,188	1,179
TOTAL	3,488	2,996	2,871	3,155	2,988	3,330	3,027	2,700	3,143	3,034
PORTLAND-DISTRICT 9										
CIVIL	3,103	3,054	2,960	2,955	2,871	2,483	4,179	3,258	3,520	4,123
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	237	332	344	0	0	261	457	271
MONEY JUDGMENTS	919	798	865	943	768	854	668	843	1,192	738
SMALL CLAIMS	1,724	2,116	2,232	3,039	2,625	1,242	2,156	1,923	2,584	2,537
DIVORCE	1,177	1,223	1,102	1,069	1,219	1,255	1,204	1,003	1,080	1,023
MENTAL HEALTH	382	183	234	184	248	388	176	221	202	248
SUB TOTAL	7,305	7,374	7,630	8,522	8,075	6,222	8,383	7,509	9,035	8,940
JUVENILE	504	546	414	462	397	502	517	339	418	437
CRIMINAL A,B,C	341	298	504	586	548	219	364	457 (e)	496	455
CRIMINAL D,E	2,887	3,052	3,188	4,256	4,520	2,326	2,902	5,138	5,045	2,643
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	10,830	12,860	9,937	9,700	8,011	8,120	13,430	11,612	11,650	9,090
SUB TOTAL	14,562	16,756	14,043	15,004	13,476	11,167	17,213	17,546	17,609	12,625
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	15,944	16,160	15,688	20,818	19,506	19,280	16,213	15,053	19,069	19,293
TOTAL	37,811	40,290	37,361	44,344	41,057	36,669	41,809	40,108	45,713	40,858

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
BIDDEFORD-DISTRICT 10										
CIVIL	714	733	724	675	681	461	753	602	514	479
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	85	118	140	0	0	33	49	63
MONEY JUDGMENTS	245	221	185	157	143	137	109	28	34	136
SMALL CLAIMS	1,147	1,220	1,390	1,610	1,673	759	611	1,427	1,295	1,222
DIVORCE	419	429	426	405	448	327	515	355	354	335
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	2,525	2,603	2,810	2,973	3,085	1,684	1,988	2,445	2,246	2,235
JUVENILE	394	313	282	271	288	375	318	254	223	203
CRIMINAL A,B,C	290	313	274	282	292	215	312	256	256	244
CRIMINAL D,E	1,859	1,907	1,757	1,499	1,818	1,822	1,945	1,746	1,784	1,894
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	3,959	3,922	3,673	3,961	3,936	4,144	3,726	3,372	3,975	4,053
SUB TOTAL	6,502	6,455	5,986	6,013	6,334	6,556	6,301	5,628	6,238	6,394
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	8,824	8,595	5,829	7,645	8,696	9,001	8,821	6,049	7,548	8,278
TOTAL	17,851	17,653	14,625	16,631	18,115	17,241	17,110	14,122	16,032	16,907
KITTERY-DISTRICT 10										
CIVIL	206	194	205	209	211	186	254	177	206	206
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	20	37	44	0	0	13	32	35
MONEY JUDGMENTS	51	56	53	40	40	31	85	43	33	46
SMALL CLAIMS	255	291	226	346	428	238	298	227	307	382
DIVORCE	169	199	192	154	174	175	214	187	176	125
MENTAL HEALTH	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	682	740	696	786	897	631	851	647	754	794
JUVENILE	38	41	71	52	51	41	37	55	45	53
CRIMINAL A,B,C	110	122	130	127	104	100	114	123	108	80
CRIMINAL D,E	701	679	683	626	650	715	739	615	588	530
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	4,172	4,345	4,406	5,719	5,689	4,135	4,338	6,137	5,447	5,235
SUB TOTAL	5,021	5,187	5,290	6,524	6,494	4,991	5,228	6,930	6,188	5,898
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	4,138	3,387	3,205	4,493	5,787	4,192	3,522	2,982	4,381	5,489
TOTAL	9,841	9,314	9,191	11,803	13,178	9,814	9,601	10,559	11,323	12,181
SPRINGVALE-DISTRICT 10										
CIVIL	277	302	245	264	303	239	265	377	210	226
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	69	90	105	0	0	82	84	74
MONEY JUDGMENTS	154	77	59	47	54	118	67	65	28	24
SMALL CLAIMS	702	561	588	696	869	465	385	375	366	484
DIVORCE	277	292	268	266	298	243	353	265	229	242
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
SUB TOTAL	1,410	1,232	1,230	1,363	1,630	1,065	1,070	1,165	917	1,051
JUVENILE	105	119	102	149	189	77	85	77	145	117
CRIMINAL A,B,C	99	119	152	179	222	80	104	103	163	179
CRIMINAL D,E	624	762	843	948	1,023	556	713	799	913	955
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	2,170	2,173	1,869	2,071	1,599	1,852	2,346	1,958	2,038	1,610
SUB TOTAL	2,998	3,173	2,966	3,347	3,033	2,565	3,248	2,937	3,259	2,861
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	2,742	2,253	1,966	2,965	2,582	2,566	2,265	1,948	2,921	2,606
TOTAL	7,150	6,658	6,162	7,675	7,245	6,196	6,583	6,050	7,097	6,518

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
LIVERMORE FALLS-DIST. 11										
CIVIL	53	84	58	35	52	32	73	76	45	47
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	6	11	12	0	0	8	12	11
MONEY JUDGMENTS	23	33	25	9	20	26	7	42	17	28
SMALL CLAIMS	116	186	249	207	202	106	128	279	224	191
DIVORCE	50	64	50	50	48	49	58	60	55	45
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	242	367	388	312	334	213	266	465	353	322
JUVENILE	44	64	12	15	28	45	57	20	16	28
CRIMINAL A,B,C	18	26	19	28	18	12	17	30	18	18
CRIMINAL D,E	167	267	226	196	139	133	227	254	171	148
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	397	464	407	369	318	374	478	397	329	353
SUB TOTAL	626	821	664	608	503	564	779	701	534	547
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	605	412	586	616	740	577	420	576	574	729
TOTAL	1,473	1,600	1,638	1,536	1,577	1,354	1,465	1,742	1,461	1,598
RUMFORD-DISTRICT 11										
CIVIL	171	170	164	122	101	161	264	163	152	87
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	11	10	37	0	0	8	7	24
MONEY JUDGMENTS	261	117	126	73	101	417	343	280	156	85
SMALL CLAIMS	775	779	838	761	665	820	799	833	799	727
DIVORCE	125	118	98	112	118	127	191	84	121	105
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,332	1,184	1,237	1,078	1,022	1,525	1,597	1,368	1,235	1,028
JUVENILE	59	135	65	78	48	53	105	89	52	53
CRIMINAL A,B,C	60	64	34	36	41	29	62	35	12	46
CRIMINAL D,E	669	591	440	404	370	540	524	401	384	344
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	922	894	860	665	550	926	744	736	626	510
SUB TOTAL	1,710	1,684	1,399	1,183	1,009	1,548	1,435	1,261	1,074	953
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	763	892	955	997	712	724	779	937	968	719
TOTAL	3,805	3,760	3,591	3,258	2,743	3,797	3,811	3,566	3,277	2,700
SOUTH PARIS-DISTRICT 11										
CIVIL	131	138	115	97	153	138	153	90	144	118
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	26	29	44	0	0	20	24	38
MONEY JUDGMENTS	95	67	29	24	28	81	65	19	18	26
SMALL CLAIMS	595	729	999	1,372	827	445	658	823	1,202	836
DIVORCE	150	154	132	113	144	141	144	129	134	137
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	971	1,088	1,301	1,635	1,196	805	1,020	1,081	1,522	1,155
JUVENILE	61	46	76	83	56	105	90	82	99	47
CRIMINAL A,B,C	49	70	69	62	58	43	73	59	51	62
CRIMINAL D,E	306	312	409	246	227	283	307	338	265	194
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	821	818	613	620	571	816	766	523	552	535
SUB TOTAL	1,237	1,246	1,167	1,011	912	1,247	1,236	1,002	967	838
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	650	466	515	543	685	664	683	530	559	634
TOTAL	2,858	2,800	2,983	3,189	2,793	2,716	2,939	2,613	3,048	2,627

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
FARMINGTON-DISTRICT 12										
CIVIL	193	266	242	186	195	202	271	202	199	188
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	25	26	40	0	0	16	24	36
MONEY JUDGMENTS	143	162	143	87	83	152	170	152	103	81
SMALL CLAIMS	558	659	730	826	893	547	596	678	904	795
DIVORCE	149	137	137	142	169	183	147	141	119	154
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,043	1,224	1,277	1,267	1,380	1,084	1,184	1,189	1,349	1,254
JUVENILE	97	52	137	39	55	103	50	120	61	44
CRIMINAL A,B,C	57	73	76	82	131	61	78	71	76	90
CRIMINAL D,E	478	449	545	403	461	479	457	544	406	443
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,042	1,221	1,042	1,003	892	1,039	1,184	1,033	956	888
SUB TOTAL	1,674	1,795	1,800	1,527	1,539	1,682	1,769	1,768	1,499	1,465
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,314	2,088	1,814	1,646	1,713	1,313	2,051	1,809	1,572	1,761
TOTAL	4,031	5,107	4,891	4,440	4,632	4,079	5,004	4,766	4,420	4,480
SKOWHEGAN-DISTRICT 12										
CIVIL	501	482	377	359	469	454	405	479	403	441
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	87	115	125	0	0	69	105	108
MONEY JUDGMENTS	274	214	193	193	202	393	196	173	195	154
SMALL CLAIMS	913	1,005	1,135	1,330	1,396	899	740	1,031	1,260	1,429
DIVORCE	207	237	196	238	263	206	204	253	236	272
MENTAL HEALTH	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
SUB TOTAL	1,897	1,938	1,988	2,235	2,455	1,955	1,545	2,006	2,199	2,404
JUVENILE	151	166	110	134	176	172	202	120	110	165
CRIMINAL A,B,C	183	132	136	188	146	168	136	119	195	125
CRIMINAL D,E	1,132	1,243	950	1,053	1,054	1,145	1,210	1,012	932	1,003
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	1,904	2,239	1,953	1,978	1,617	1,983	2,210	1,931	1,918	1,477
SUB TOTAL	3,370	3,780	3,149	3,353	2,993	3,468	3,758	3,182	3,155	2,770
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	3,527	3,530	2,601	2,716	3,221	3,525	3,383	2,666	2,578	3,071
TOTAL	8,794	9,248	7,738	8,304	8,669	8,948	8,686	7,854	7,932	8,245

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
DOVER-FOXCROFT-DIST 13										
CIVIL	142	124	127	103	84	138	137	153	134	87
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	24	26	60	0	0	17	28	44
MONEY JUDGMENTS	103	62	36	42	33	108	71	37	41	41
SMALL CLAIMS	475	506	478	325	349	441	498	515	339	303
DIVORCE	140	149	135	134	130	123	153	126	147	132
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
SUB TOTAL	860	841	800	631	657	810	859	848	690	608
JUVENILE	63	70	36	65	42	72	59	43	58	37
CRIMINAL A,B,C	77	67	104	69	83	75	76	94	81	79
CRIMINAL D,E	748	667	787	707	664	711	683	804	711	629
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	577	670	538	640	567	580	690	551	666	566
SUB TOTAL	1,465	1,474	1,465	1,481	1,356	1,438	1,508	1,492	1,516	1,311
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	673	541	754	949	1,035	670	532	790	973	1,060
TOTAL	2,998	2,856	3,019	3,061	3,048	2,918	2,899	3,130	3,179	2,979
LINCOLN-DISTRICT 13										
CIVIL	89	109	118	92	82	93	132	133	64	74
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	5	4	3	0	0	6	1	2
MONEY JUDGMENTS	74	71	46	59	44	61	69	57	30	18
SMALL CLAIMS	477	351	245	348	204	426	336	247	339	174
DIVORCE	86	91	74	62	66	92	105	79	60	56
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	726	622	488	565	399	672	642	522	494	324
JUVENILE	31	30	28	11	14	33	23	31	11	16
CRIMINAL A,B,C	14	14	36	23	33	13	20	38	21	34
CRIMINAL D,E	459	394	493	277	350	460	390	484	293	317
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	299	292	425	407	495	289	271	402	400	461
SUB TOTAL	803	730	982	718	892	795	704	955	725	828
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	2,498	2,009	1,804	1,885	1,936	2,500	2,038	1,805	1,932	1,854
TOTAL	4,027	3,361	3,274	3,168	3,227	3,967	3,384	3,282	3,151	3,006
MILLINOCKET-DIST. 13										
CIVIL	109	114	118	118	107	116	123	156	138	121
FAMILY ABUSE (b)	0	0	4	18	20	0	0	3	16	18
MONEY JUDGMENTS	154	81	73	55	44	199	203	93	69	45
SMALL CLAIMS	362	255	232	162	161	415	296	247	186	153
DIVORCE	97	75	58	80	83	101	121	107	88	75
MENTAL HEALTH	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	1
SUB TOTAL	722	525	485	435	416	831	743	606	499	413
JUVENILE	57	71	55	35	13	50	61	68	20	26
CRIMINAL A,B,C	35	43	22	19	30	30	35	25	23	25
CRIMINAL D,E	601	572	471	637	775	593	585	593	616	834
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL	606	690	338	435	325	580	683	427	410	318
SUB TOTAL	1,299	1,376	886	1,126	1,143	1,253	1,364	1,113	1,069	1,203
CIVIL VIOLATIONS/ TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1,124	964	637	863	806	1,228	1,007	875	784	906
TOTAL	3,145	2,865	2,008	2,424	2,365	3,312	3,114	2,594	2,352	2,522

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		1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
DISTRICT 1:	CARIBOU	933	867	1,037	770	659
	FORT KENT	381	652	490	598	486
	MADAWASKA	340	293	302	227 (g)	235
	VAN BUREN	131	207	128	58 (g)	51
	SUB TOTAL	1,785	2,019	1,957	1,653	1,431
DISTRICT 2:	HOULTON	1,883	2,274	1,866 (c)	1,689	1,200
	PRESQUE ISLE	1,313	1,185	1,200	1,197	1,231
	SUB TOTAL	3,196	3,459	3,066	2,886	2,431
DISTRICT 3:	BANGOR	2,939	3,230	4,255	3,704	4,717
	NEWPORT	1,505	1,198	1,238	873	1,350
	SUB TOTAL	4,444	4,428	5,493	4,577	6,067
DISTRICT 4:	CALAIS	753	633	674	1,002	863
	MACHAIS	652	423	975	1,052	735
	SUB TOTAL	1,405	1,056	1,649	2,054	1,598
DISTRICT 5:	BAR HARBOR	343	374	406	345	346
	BELFAST	1,388	1,523	1,613	1,218	914
	ELLSWORTH	1,357	2,082	3,257	2,735	2,364
	SUB TOTAL	3,088	3,979	5,276	4,298	3,624
DISTRICT 6:	BATH	2,105	2,403	1,970	2,920	1,917
	ROCKLAND	1,309	1,500	1,522	1,089	1,419
	WISCASSET	1,599	1,572	1,363	1,390	1,162
	SUB TOTAL	5,013	5,475	4,855	5,399	4,498
DISTRICT 7:	AUGUSTA	6,904	6,081	5,405	2,429 (g)	2,922 (h)
	WATERVILLE	1,404	518	1,860	2,205	2,642
	SUB TOTAL	8,308	6,599	7,265	4,634	5,564
DISTRICT 8:	BRUNSWICK (i)	4,538	3,741	4,245	3,783	3,586
	LEWISTON	5,200	4,758	4,939	5,373	6,043
	SUB TOTAL	9,738	8,499	9,184	9,156	9,629
DISTRICT 9:	BRIDGTON	1,395	987	1,223	1,401	1,332
	PORTLAND	16,333	18,375	19,237	7,021 (g)	16,977
	SUB TOTAL	17,728	19,362	20,460	8,422	18,309
DISTRICT 10:	BIDDEFORD	6,786	6,795	5,813	6,003 (g)	6,569
	KITTERY	4,858	4,004	3,930	5,422	6,326
	SPRINGVALE	2,709	2,421	2,302	2,641	2,560
	SUB TOTAL	14,353	13,220	12,045	14,066	15,455
DISTRICT 11:	LIVERMORE FALLS	492	381	544	500	552
	RUMFORD	696	779	989	936	751
	SOUTH PARIS	543	488	422	455	494
	SUB TOTAL	1,731	1,648	1,955	1,891	1,797
DISTRICT 12:	FARMINGTON	1,116	1,802	1,730	1,696	1,770
	SKOWHEGAN	2,749	2,971	3,014	3,037	2,856
	SUB TOTAL	3,865	4,773	4,744	4,733	4,626
DISTRICT 13:	DOVER-FOXCROFT	522	415	898	1,057	1,088
	LINCOLN	1,510	1,577	1,721	1,779	2,044
	MILLINOCKET	925	711	544	930 (g)	1,074
	SUB TOTAL	2,957	2,703	3,163	3,766	4,206
STATE TOTAL		77,611	77,220	81,112	67,535 (g)	79,235

Footnotes appear on page 170 of this report

TABLE DC-7

DISTRICT COURT

ELECTRONIC RECORDING *

NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTIONS

IN 1984

ORDERS FOR TRANSCRIPTS

APPEAL-SUPERIOR COURT	189
APPEAL-LAW COURT	5
BOUNDOVER	30
REFERENCE	135
TOTAL	359

CATEGORY OF TRANSCRIPT

CIVIL	
CIVIL	39
CIVIL MOTION	10
CUSTODY-DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	40
MENTAL HEALTH	9
MENTAL RETARDATION	3
DIVORCE	16
DIVORCE MOTION	24
SMALL CLAIM	7
MONEY JUDGMENT	1
TRAFFIC INFRACTION	23
CIVIL VIOLATION	18
CRIMINAL**	
CRIMINAL A-B-C	37
CRIMINAL D-E	114
JUVENILE A-B-C	8
JUVENILE D-E	10
TOTAL	359

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* Includes transcripts for 33 District Court locations as well as Augusta Mental Health Institute, Bangor Mental Health Institute and Pineland Center.

** Of the 169 criminal transcriptions, 28 were for motions to suppress, 8 were for arraignments and 1 was for bail.

TABLE DC-8

DISTRICT COURT ELECTRONIC RECORDING
RECORDING TIME BY COURT LOCATION
1984

	# OF TAPES USED IN 1984	TOTAL HOURS OF ACTUAL RECORDING
AUGUSTA	197	591
BANGOR	226	678
BAR HARBOR	26	78
BATH	75	225
BELFAST	58	174
BIDDEFORD	105	315
BRIDGTON	30	90
BRUNSWICK	60	180
CALAIS	40	120
CARIBOU	49	147
DOVER-FOXCROFT	43	129
ELLSWORTH	62	186
FARMINGTON	100	300
FORT KENT	17	51
HOULTON	34	102
KITTERY	67	201
LEWISTON	238	714
LINCOLN	25	75
LIVERMORE FALLS	11	33
MACHIAS	39	117
MADAWASKA	28	84
MILLINOCKET	33	99
NEWPORT	33	99
PORTLAND	340	1,020
PRESQUE ISLE	46	138
ROCKLAND	100	300
RUMFORD	38	114
SKOWHEGAN	164	492
SOUTH PARIS	20	60
SPRINGVALE	63	189
VAN BUREN	11	33
WATERVILLE	102	306
WISCASSET	85	255
AUGUSTA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE	86	258
BANGOR MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE	25	75
PINELAND CENTER	27	81
TOTALS	2,703	8,109

DISTRICT COURT FOOTNOTES

(a) In Van Buren District Court, estimates were provided for 1980-1981 filings and 1980-1982 dispositions

(b) Family abuse filings and dispositions were counted as "civil" cases during 1981

(c) In Houlton District Court, estimates have been provided for 1982 traffic criminal and criminal D-E dispositions, and all waivers

(d) In Belfast District Court, estimates have been provided for 1982 criminal A-B-C and criminal D-E filings

(e) In Portland District Court, the criminal A-B-C dispositions for 1982 included 345 cases which remained pending because they were not dismissed by the District Attorney when they resulted in indictments in the Superior Court

(f) In Bridgton District Court during 1982, some cases were erroneously recorded as "criminal D-E" cases when they should have been "traffic criminal" cases

(g) Waivers data were incomplete during 1983 as follows:

Madawaska: No waivers reported in October
Van Buren: No waivers reported from May thru December
Augusta: No waivers reported from March thru July
Portland: No waivers reported from March thru October
Biddeford: No waivers reported in June and August
Millinocket: No waivers reported in March

(h) Waivers data were incomplete during 1984 as follows:

Augusta: No waivers reported in July, August, September and December

(i) Effective July, 1984, Brunswick became a division of District 6

DISTRICT COURT
CASE TYPE DEFINITIONS

CIVIL:	Includes all civil cases not separated out below, including forcible entry and detainer, neglect of children, and reciprocal cases. Does not include civil violations which were formally considered criminal cases.
FAMILY ABUSE:	Includes protection from abuse cases under Title 19.
MONEY JUDGMENTS:	Includes disclosure cases, but does not include small claims disclosures.
SMALL CLAIMS:	Includes small claims cases.
DIVORCE:	Includes all divorce cases, annulments, and judicial separations, but does not include reciprocals.
MENTAL HEALTH:	Includes all mental health cases.
JUVENILE:	Includes all offenses committed by juveniles.
CRIMINAL A, B, C:	Includes all crimes classified as murder, A, B, or C. (Such offenses committed by juveniles are included in the "juvenile" category).
CRIMINAL D, E:	Includes all Title 17A crimes classified as D or E, plus all other non-traffic criminal offenses such as Fish and Game, and Marine Resources. Does not include Title 29 violations. Does not include civil drug violations. (Such offenses committed by juveniles are included in the "juvenile" category).
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL:	Includes all Title 28 and 29 Class D or E non-infraction traffic offenses such as Criminal OUI, Driving After Suspension, and Reckless Driving. Also includes PUC cases. (Such offenses committed by juveniles are included in the "juvenile" category).
CIVIL VIOLATIONS AND TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS:	Includes all traffic infractions, Civil OUI cases, and those civil violations which have received a criminal docket number and which are punishable by fine, such as municipal ordinances, possession of a usable amount of marijuana, possession or transportation of liquor by minors, and dogs running at large. (Such offenses committed by juveniles are included in the "juvenile" category).

Appendix IV

Court Mediation Service Caseload Statistics

COURT MEDIATION SERVICE CASELOAD STATISTICS

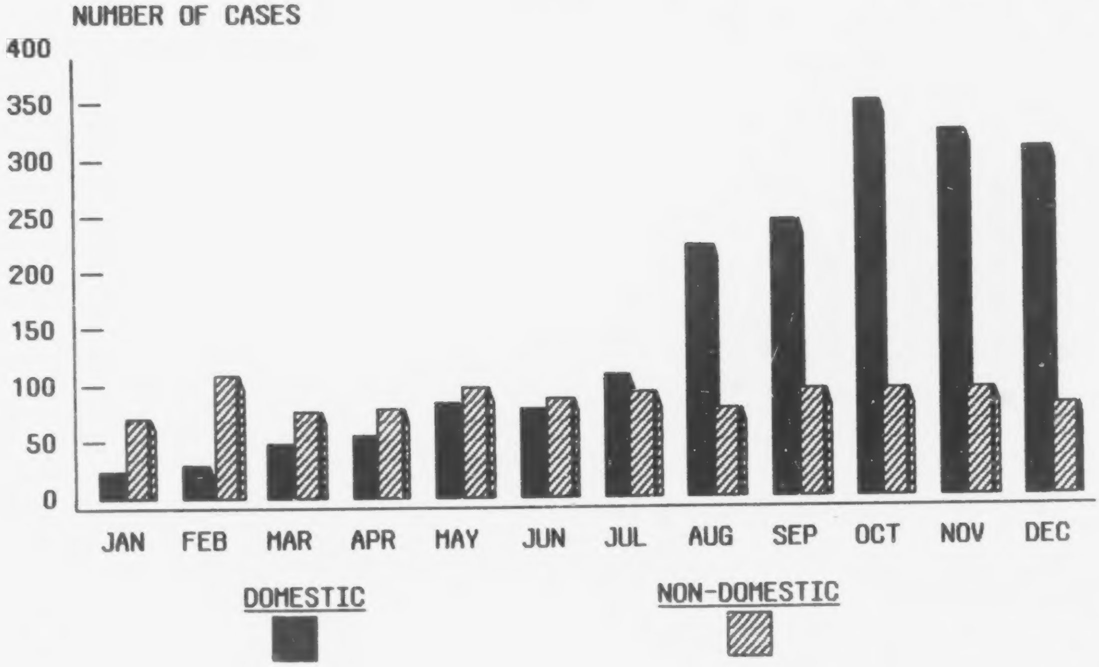
The Court Mediation Service provides an alternative method of resolving disputes by enabling the contesting parties to participate in reaching a settlement. The service was initiated in 1977 as an experiment to accelerate the resolution of small claims cases, but has since been expanded to include landlord-tenant, disclosure and domestic cases. In July, 1984, new legislation was enacted requiring mandatory mediation of contested divorce cases in which minor children are involved, thereby drastically increasing the number of domestic case mediations.

Graph CM-1 displays the number of mediations held statewide during the twelve months of 1984, indicating the dramatic rise in domestic case mediations when the new law became fully operational. Graph CM-2 compares 1984 total caseload with 1983 caseload. Table CM-3 details the number of mediations held in each District Court location by type of disposition, while Table CM-4 includes identical information for the Superior Court.

GRAPH CM-1

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS BY MONTH

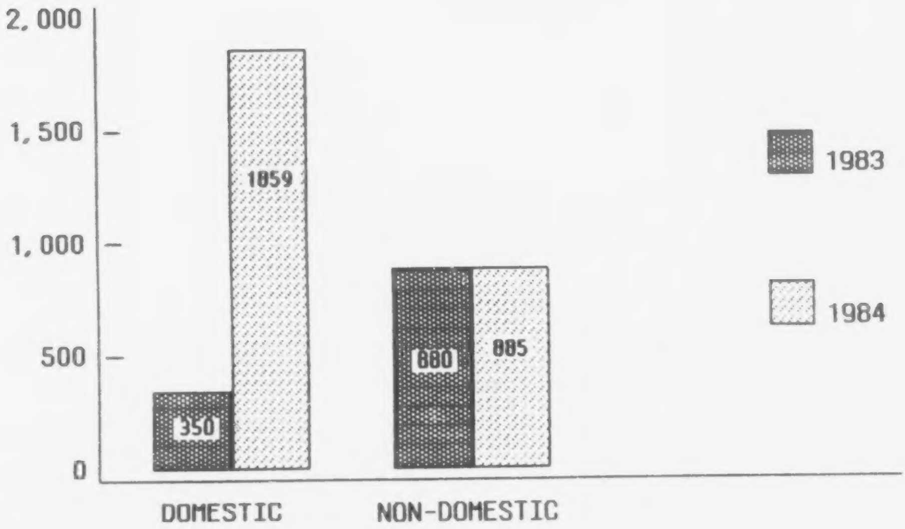
1984



GRAPH CM-2

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS

1983-1984



COURT MEDIATION SERVICE
1984 DISTRICT COURT MEDIATIONS
BY COURT LOCATION

Table CM-3

DISTRICT COURT LOCATION	RESOLVED BY MEDIATOR		REFERRED TO JUDGE		OTHER		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	Domestic	Non-Dom.	Domestic	Non-Dom.	Domestic	Non-Dom.	Domestic	Non-Dom.	
- AUGUSTA	49	27	24	15	15	3	88	45	133
- BANGOR	75	42	14	26	38	9	127	77	204
- BAR HARBOR	8	2	2	1	3	1	13	4	17
- BATH	36	25	14	13	20	2	70	40	110
- BELFAST	34	6	10	4	13	1	57	11	68
- BIDDEFORD	45	56	23	37	32	5	100	98	198
- BRIDGTON	5	8	2	12	0	0	7	20	27
- BRUNSWICK	44	38	12	13	35	2	91	53	144
- CALAIS	7	0	8	0	4	0	19	0	19
- CARIBOU	12	0	9	0	6	0	27	0	27
- DOVER-FOXCROFT	14	4	10	0	6	0	30	4	34
- ELLSWORTH	33	12	7	5	16	1	56	18	74
- FARMINGTON	4	19	2	13	2	6	8	38	46
- FORT KENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- HOULTON	14	2	9	1	12	0	35	3	38
- KITTERY	12	2	11	0	15	0	38	2	40
- LEWISTON	43	70	22	30	23	12	88	112	200
- LINCOLN	11	14	3	1	7	0	21	15	36
- LIVERMORE FALLS	3	0	2	0	5	0	10	0	10
- MACHIAS	17	0	7	0	6	0	30	0	30
- MADAWASKA	6	0	8	0	4	0	18	0	18
- MILLINOCKET	21	10	6	2	3	2	30	14	44
- NEWPORT	18	2	3	0	6	0	27	2	29
- PORTLAND	161	97	46	61	100	20	307	178	485
- PRESQUE ISLE	10	0	8	0	4	0	22	0	22
- ROCKLAND	52	17	17	5	13	2	82	24	106
- RUMFORD	9	1	12	1	2	0	23	2	25
- SKOWHEGAN	29	5	11	9	9	1	49	15	64
- SOUTH PARIS	14	0	7	0	6	0	27	0	27
- SPRINGVALE	44	30	22	16	13	4	79	50	129
- VAN BUREN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- WATERVILLE	28	37	10	5	13	4	51	46	97
- WISCASSET	39	9	12	4	12	1	63	14	77
STATE TOTAL	897	535	353	274	443	76	1,693	885	2,578
1983 TOTAL	143	534	43	256	95	89	281	879	1,160

COURT MEDIATION SERVICE
1984 SUPERIOR COURT MEDIATIONS
BY COURT LOCATION

Table CM-4

SUPERIOR COURT LOCATION	RESOLVED BY MEDIATOR		REFERRED TO JUDGE		OTHER		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	Domestic	Non-Dom.	Domestic	Non-Dom.	Domestic	Non-Dom.	Domestic	Non-Dom.	
- ANDROSCOGGIN	4	0	4	0	3	0	11	0	11
- AROOSTOOK	2	0	2	0	2	0	6	0	6
- CUMBERLAND	17	0	11	0	35	0	63	0	63
- FRANKLIN	3	0	9	0	4	0	16	0	16
- HANCOCK	4	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	6
- KENNEBEC	1	0	5	0	0	0	6	0	6
- KNOX	3	0	5	0	4	0	12	0	12
- LINCOLN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- OXFORD	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	4
- PENOBSCOT	6	0	3	0	7	0	16	0	16
- PISCATAQUIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- SAGADAHOC	2	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	5
- SOMERSET	7	0	1	0	2	0	10	0	10
- WALDO	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	4
- WASHINGTON	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
- YORK	2	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	6
STATE TOTAL	53	0	49	0	64	0	166	0	166
1983 TOTAL	30	1	10	0	29	0	69	1	70

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS IN DISTRICT COURT AND SUPERIOR COURT

1984	950	535	402	274	507	76	1,859	885	2,744
1983	173	535	53	256	124	89	350	880	1,230

Appendix V

Administrative Court Caseload Statistics

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS

During 1984, Administrative Court judges devoted considerable time to the hearing of cases for both the Superior Court and the District Court. As displayed on Table AC-1, a total of 345 hearings were held for the District Court, resulting in 319 case dispositions, while the Superior Court utilized Administrative Court judges for the hearing of 261 cases, resulting in 176 case dispositions. Table AC-2 portrays filings and dispositions during the past five years, indicating a 28% increase in total filings since 1980.

DISTRICT COURT CASES
HEARD BY ADMINISTRATIVE COURT JUDGES

TABLE AC-1

	1983		1984	
	HEARINGS HELD	CASES DISPOSED	HEARINGS HELD	CASES DISPOSED
DIVORCE	231	149	99	124
CIVIL	172	90	70	43
SMALL CLAIMS	268	268	137	113
DISCLOSURES	110	110	36	36
FORCEABLE ENTRY AND DETAINER	14	14	2	2
FAMILY ABUSE	2	2	-	-
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	96	96	1	1
CRIMINAL ARRAIGNMENTS	10	10	-	-
TOTAL	903	739	345	319

SUPERIOR COURT CASES
HEARD BY ADMINISTRATIVE COURT JUDGES

	1984	
	HEARINGS HELD	CASES DISPOSED
DIVORCE	221	145
CIVIL	39	30
PROTECTION FROM ABUSE	1	1
TOTAL	261	176

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS

TABLE AC-2

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
APPEAL FROM DECISION OF BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
APPEAL FROM DECISION OF DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
APPEAL FROM DECISION OF LIQUOR COMMISSION	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	2	-
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOARD OF LICENSURE OF MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES OTHER THAN HOSPITALS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
BUREAU OF CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
BUREAU OF LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT	293	285	255	318	395	235	282	283	290	403
BUREAU OF MAINE STATE POICE	11	2	4	-	-	12	3	3	-	-
CITIZEN COMPLAINT AGAINST A NOTARY PUBLIC	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	5	8	7	1	4	3	2	6	4	3
DEPT. OF AGRIC., FOOD & RURAL RESOURCES	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
DEPT. OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	-
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	5	1	-
DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RETARDATION	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
ELECTRICIANS EXAMINING BOARD	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
HARNESS RACING COMMISSSION	15	13	8	17	12	5	7	8	13	11
OIL AND SOLID FUEL LICENSING BOARD	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
STATE BOARD OF NURSING	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	2
SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	1
TOTAL	330	311	285	349	422	258	298	307	320	424